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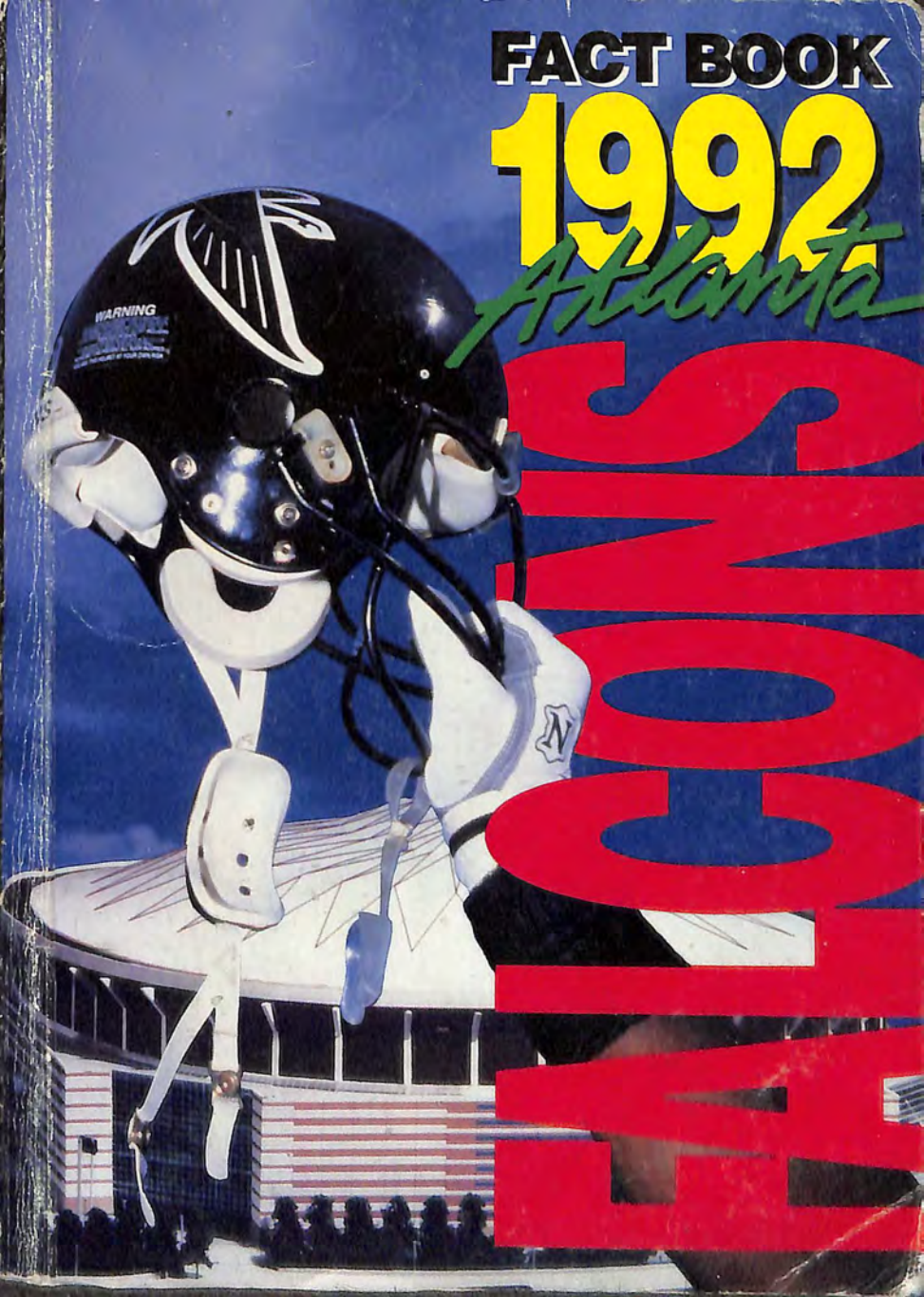

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'92 Schedule

PRE-SEASON

Sat, Aug. 8	at Cleveland Browns	7 PM	WSB-TV
Sat, Aug. 15	at Tampa Bay Bucs	7 PM	WSB-TV
Sun, Aug. 23	**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**	1:30 PM	**ABC-TV (WSB-TV)***
Fri, Aug. 28	**BUFFALO BILLS**	8:00 PM	**NBC-TV (WXIA-TV)***

REGULAR SEASON

Sun, Sept. 6	**NEW YORK JETS**	1:00 PM	**NBC-TV (WXIA-TV)**
Sun, Sept. 13	at Washington Redskins	1:00 PM	CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)
Sun, Sept. 20	**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**	1:00 PM	**CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)**
Sun, Sept. 27	at Chicago Bears	1:00 PM	CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)
Sun, Oct. 4	**GREEN BAY PACKERS**	1:00 PM	**CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)**
Sun, Oct. 11	at Miami Dolphins	1:00 PM	CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)
Sun, Oct. 18	at San Francisco 49ers	4:00 PM	CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)
Sun, Oct. 25	NFC WEST BYE		
Sun, Nov. 1	**LOS ANGELES RAMS**	1:00 PM	**CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)**
Mon, Nov. 9	**SAN FRANCISCO 49ers**	9:00 PM	**ABC-TV (WSB-TV)***
Sun, Nov. 15	**PHOENIX CARDINALS**	1:00 PM	**CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)**
Sun, Nov. 22	at Buffalo Bills	1:00 PM	CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)
Sun, Nov. 29	**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**	1:00 PM	**NBC-TV (WXIA-TV)**
Thur, Dec. 3	at New Orleans Saints	8:00 PM	ESPN (WSB-TV)*
Sun, Dec. 13	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	1:00 PM	CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)
Mon, Dec. 21	**DALLAS COWBOYS**	9:00 PM	**ABC-TV (WSB-TV)***
Sun, Dec. 27	at Los Angeles Rams	4:00 PM	CBS-TV (WAGA-TV)

All Kickoffs Atlanta Time
*Nationally Televised Games

All games live on WSB Radio Network

POSTSEASON

Jan. 2-3	First Round Playoff Games	ABC-TV
Jan. 9-10	Divisional Playoffs	CBS-TV, NBC-TV
Jan. 16-17	Conference Championships	CBS-TV, NBC-TV
Jan. 31	Super Bowl XXVII, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, CA	NBC-TV
Feb. 7	Pro Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii	ESPN-TV

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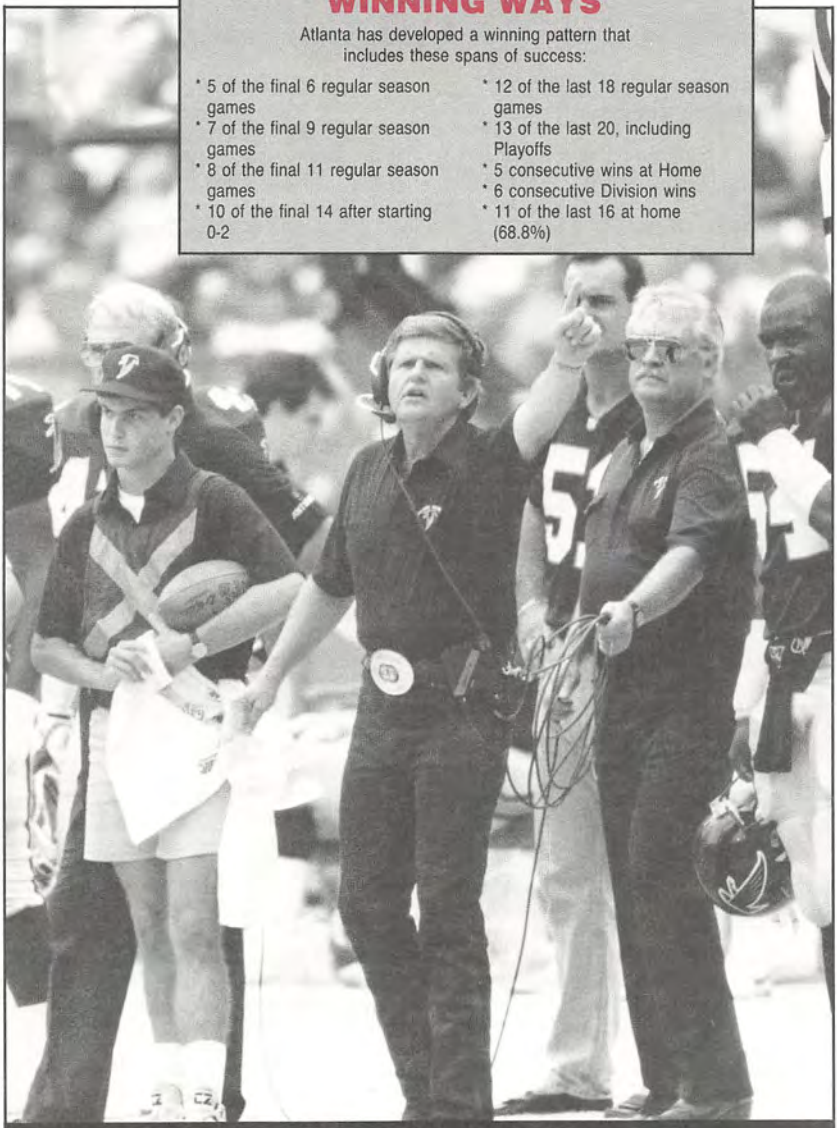
WINNING WAYS

Atlanta has developed a winning pattern that includes these spans of success:

* 5 of the final 6 regular season games
* 7 of the final 9 regular season games
* 8 of the final 11 regular season games
* 10 of the final 14 after starting 0-2
* 12 of the last 18 regular season games
* 13 of the last 20, including Playoffs
* 5 consecutive wins at Home
* 6 consecutive Division wins
* 11 of the last 16 at home (68.8%)



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FALCON FACTS

OFFICE/TRAINING FACILITY (Mailing Address)	Atlanta Falcons 2745 Burnette Road Suwanee, GA 30174 (404) 945-1111 FAX: (404) 271-1221
TICKET OFFICE	One Georgia Dome Drive Atlanta, GA 30313 (404) 223-8000
HOME FIELD	Georgia Dome Capacity: 71,594 Surface: Astroturf
NFL SEASON	27th (Since '66 season)
TEAM COLORS	Black, Red, Silver & White

MEDIA FACTS

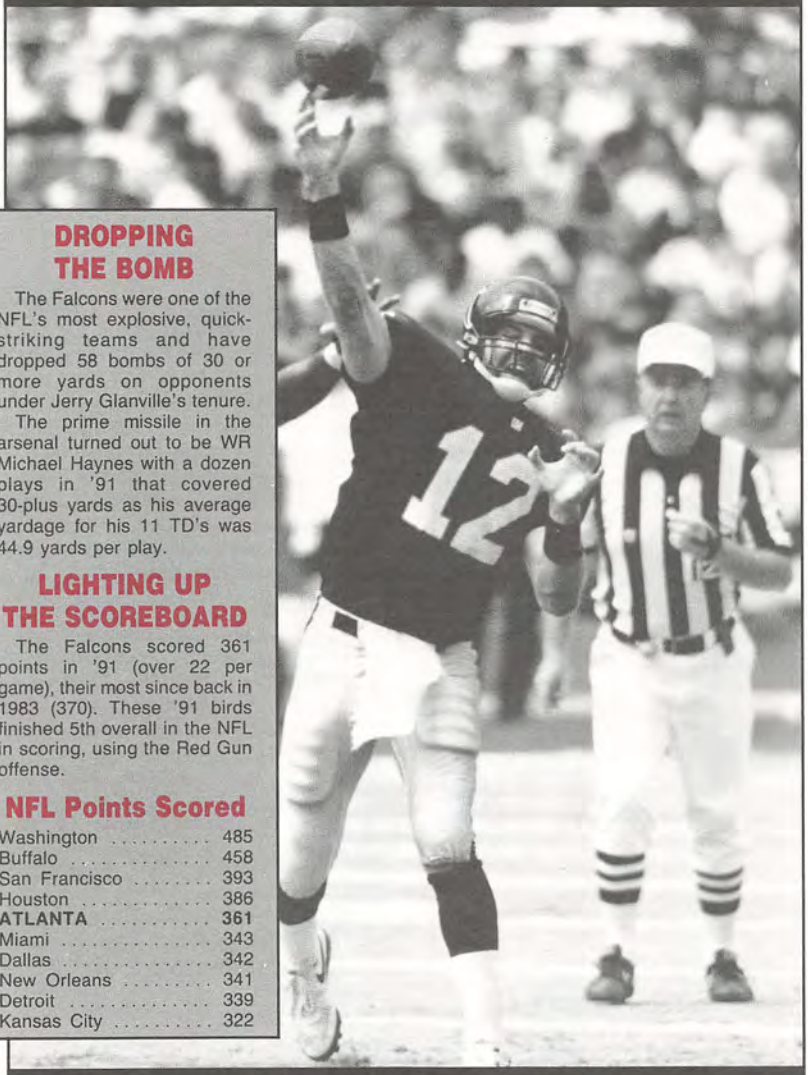
CREDENTIALS: All requests should be submitted in writing, when possible, and as far in advance as possible to the P.R. office. For working media on assignment, credentials will be issued on a priority basis to daily newspapers, wire services, local TV and radio stations, national publications and networks, plus primary media of the visiting team through that club's P.R. office.

DAY OF GAME: The Press Will Call Window (Gate E) opens two hours before kickoff. Enter through Gate E, take press elevator, then exit directly off the elevator to the press box. Three courtesy telephones are available to be shared. Media needing their own should contact the telephone company well in advance.

PRACTICE: To visit the Falcons' training site, take Interstate 85 north of Atlanta to Exit 44, turn left over bridge, then left again, where Complex will be on your right. Training Camp practice times are 9:00 am and 3:00 pm; regular season practice is approximatley 1 pm. Interviews can be arranged through the P.R. office with an open locker room during the season after the practice.

WEEKLY CONFERENCES: Head Coach Jerry Glanville will meet with the media on Monday (approximately 1:30 pm). On Wednesday, conference calls with the visiting team will be arranged and the visiting P.R. representative will be at the Falcon Complex to handle media requests.

RED GUN



DROPPING THE BOMB

The Falcons were one of the NFL's most explosive, quick-striking teams and have dropped 58 bombs of 30 or more yards on opponents under Jerry Glanville's tenure.

The prime missile in the arsenal turned out to be WR Michael Haynes with a dozen plays in '91 that covered 30-plus yards as his average yardage for his 11 TD's was 44.9 yards per play.

LIGHTING UP THE SCOREBOARD

The Falcons scored 361 points in '91 (over 22 per game), their most since back in 1983 (370). These '91 birds finished 5th overall in the NFL in scoring, using the Red Gun offense.

NFL Points Scored

Washington	485
Buffalo	458
San Francisco	393
Houston	386
ATLANTA	**361**
Miami	343
Dallas	342
New Orleans	341
Detroit	339
Kansas City	322

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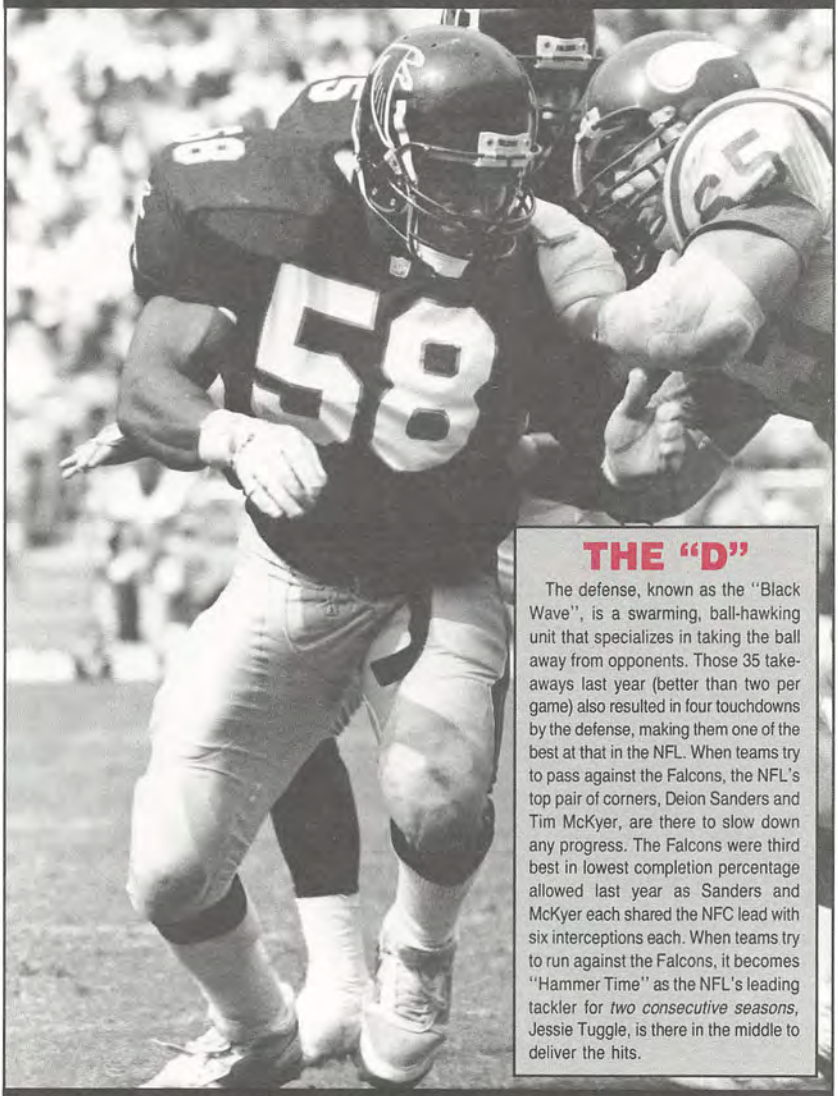
BLACK WAVE



THE "D"

The defense, known as the "Black Wave", is a swarming, ball-hawking unit that specializes in taking the ball away from opponents. Those 35 take-aways last year (better than two per game) also resulted in four touchdowns by the defense, making them one of the best at that in the NFL. When teams try to pass against the Falcons, the NFL's top pair of corners, Deion Sanders and Tim McKyer, are there to slow down any progress. The Falcons were third best in lowest completion percentage allowed last year as Sanders and McKyer each shared the NFC lead with six interceptions each. When teams try to run against the Falcons, it becomes "Hammer Time" as the NFL's leading tackler for *two consecutive seasons,* Jessie Tuggle, is there in the middle to deliver the hits.

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HIT THE BEACH

EXTRA-SPECIAL, SPECIAL TEAMS — Once again, Atlanta had one of the NFL's best overall, special teams. Here are some of their '91 accomplishments:

- Blocked seven total kicks (three punts, two FG, two PAT)
- Tackled one punter for loss and deflected one punt 14 yds
- Recovered three fumbles on returns, including one taken in for a touchdown
- Scored on 100-yard kickoff return
- Set club mark for FG accuracy and had 15 consecutive streak
- Executed game-winning OT field goal at New Orleans
- Executed every FG attempt inside 45 yards perfectly
- Had 22 punts downed inside the 20-yard line (7th NFL)
- Allowed opponents to make only 13-26 FG's (50%), best in NFL

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GEORGIA DOME

Questions & Answers

- **What are the Basic Facts of the Georgia Dome?**
  - Largest cable-supported Dome in the world with a translucent teflon roof to allow natural light
  - Coupled with the neighboring World Congress Center, this allows 2 million square feet, making it the largest in the world, to accommodate conventions, trade shows, major events
  - Seating for football will have unobstructed views of the field
  - Climate controlled, it will allow for year round comfort
  - Second largest Dome (71,594)

- **Where is the Georgia Dome located?**
  - On a 14 acre site adjacent to the World Congress Center downtown, the Dome is bounded by Northside Drive, International Boulevard, MLK Jr. Drive, and Mangum St.
  - Neighbors the Omni and CNN Center

- **Who will own and manage the Georgia Dome?**
  - The facility is owned by the State
  - Management will be handled through the World Congress Center

- **What events are planned for the Georgia Dome?**
  - All Atlanta Falcons football games
  - Super Bowl XXVIII, January 1994
  - The Annual Peach Bowl
  - Olympic events, July-August 1996
  - NCAA Basketball Playoffs
  - Religious conventions, political conventions, corporate events, concerts, consumer exhibitions, trade shows

- **What type food service will be provided?**
  - 26 permanent locations and 2 food courts will be operated by MGR, Inc. the suppliers of the World Congress Center
  - In addition, over 250 points of sales, plus portable stands will be set up to handle events

- **How much did it cost and how will it be paid for?**
  - The $210 million project, including $14 million for land, will be funded through hotel/motel tax, tax-exempt revenue bonds, and stadium event revenues, including Falcon Games. Bond debt is guaranteed by private bank letter of credit.

- **How long has it taken to build?**
  - Groundbreaking ceremonies were held November 22, 1989, with construction actually beginning March 27, 1990. The first ticketed public events to be held in the Dome will be two Falcons August pre-season games with the Eagles and the Bills

- **Why is this a good stadium for football?**
  - All seats will have direct sightlines to see the field
  - All seats will have visibility to at least one replay/entertainment board
  - A state-of-the-art public address/speaker system will add to the activities
  - An artificial playing surface will make field markings highly visible
  - Air conditioning/heating provide year-round fan comfort
  - Executive suites & club seating allow extra amenities, client entertainment, and first class facilities
  - Plenty of top quality food service facilities and restroom facilities will be available

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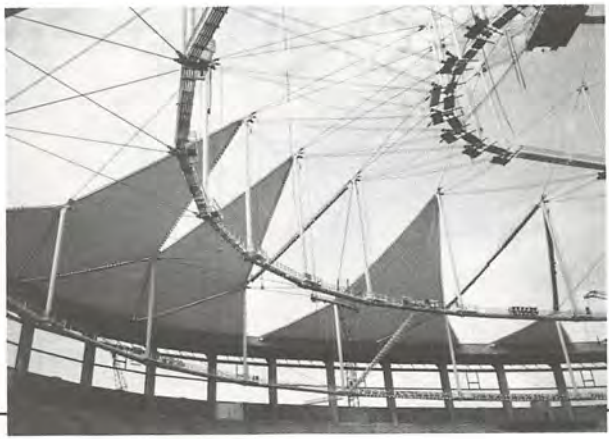
GEORGIA DOME

Facts & Figures

- Dome stands 275 feet tall from center of field, the approximate height of a 27-story building
- The roof is 130 sections (8.6 acres) of fiberglass membrane and is teflon coated. It is strong enough to hold the weight of a pick-up sized truck
- Construction used over 8,300 tons of reinforced steel, more weight in iron and steel than in the Eiffel Tower

Silverdome (Pontiac, MI)	80,500
Georgia Dome (Atlanta, GA)	71,594
Superdome (New Orleans, LA)	69,054
Kingdome (Seattle, WA)	64,984
Metrodome (Minneapolis, MN)	63,000
Astrodome (Houston, TX)	60,502
Hoosier Dome (Indianapolis, IN)	60,129
SkyDome (Toronto, CAN)	60,000
Suncoast Dome (St. Petersburg, FL)	50,000



TICKET TALK

HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN

With an exciting Playoff caliber team and a brand new home, ticket sales for the Falcons in '92 set records. The birds sold 16,000 new season tickets (through the end of June) in the offseason to break the old mark of 11,338 after the 1980 NFC West Championship season. Ticket sales were brisk for the 10-6 Falcons as the club sold at a rate of over 500 new tickets per week. Factoring in an approximate 8,000 already sold by the Georgia Dome for Suite and Club seating, that takes the total to the 57,000 level. The Falcons were hoping to reach the 60,000 level, a feat accomplished by only five pro sports teams in 1991.

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FRONT OFFICE

Rankin
SMITH
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Personal

Rankin McEachern Smith is proud to be called a native Atlantan. Born on Oct. 29, 1924, he received his middle name from his grandfather, John Newton McEachern, the co-founder of the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. The former Charlotte Lilliard Topping is Mr. Smith's wife. He has a large family which includes five children and numerous grandchildren. His five children include: Rankin M. Jr., Carroll Christine (Mrs. Donald Walraven), Dorothy Ann (Mrs. John O. Knox), Taylor W. and Nancy Karen. The Smiths reside in the northwest section of Atlanta and also have other domiciles in Thomasville (Plantation) and in Vero Beach, FLA (condominium).

Education

Mr. Smith went through the school system at North Fulton High and Marist in Atlanta and also spent time at Jacksonville's Bolles School. His experiences in Jacksonville included a spot on the football team. After his prep years, he attended Emory University for a year but was called to serve his country as a combat pilot in the Army Air Corps from 1943-46. When his tour of duty was over, Mr. Smith proceeded to continue his education at the University of Georgia, as he roomed with Governor to-be Carl Sanders.

Business

The hard-working Smith learned the ropes of the insurance business from the ground up as his new career began as a summer clerk in 1943. He earned the title of agent at Life of Georgia in Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1947. He moved back to Atlanta to assume the role of assistant manager in '49. Rankin was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of the company in 1970 and was named Chairman of the Board in 1975. He retired from his duties in 1977.

Sports

One of Mr. Smith's proudest moments will come this season with the opening of the Falcons new home at the state-of-the-art Georgia Dome. His other shining

moment will come two years later when he welcomes Super Bowl XXVIII to the south in January of 1994. Mr. Smith was the key player in ensuring Atlanta's bid as he received overwhelming support from his fellow owners for his loyalty and years of service. "It's a victory for Rankin and the city of Atlanta," said Browns owner Art Modell. "He's been a great owner and a good league member," said Wellington Mara of the Giants.

Mr. Smith received his indoctrination into the sports world by serving with Major Sports, Inc. The group's first project was to lure a pro baseball team to the city. When the Braves hit town, the group eventually became the Stadium Authority, which would be responsible for building Fulton County Stadium. When the AFL granted a pro football franchise to J. Leonard Reinsch of Cox Broadcasting on June 8, 1965, Mr. Smith decided to put in a bid for an NFL franchise. His winning bid of $8.5 million on June 30, outdistanced the likes of R.J. Reynolds Co. and Lindsey Hopkins, and put an end to the AFL's attempt to invade the south.

In his club's initial season in '66, Smith's new team tied an NFL record for victories by an expansion team with three, and set an NFL mark for season ticket sales by a first-year club. In 1991, his team earned the fourth Playoff berth in their history (1978, 1980, 1982) with the second-most wins in team annals (11) and have captured an NFC Western Division championship (in 1980). His model year-round training facility in Suwanee, GA., and the opening of the gorgeous Georgia Dome underscore his commitment to providing a first-class atmosphere for the 'New South.'

The well-respected Smith was a natural selection by Commissioner Tagliabue to be a member of the powerful Expansion Committee, which will suggest sites for the NFL's first expansion since 1976. Mr. Smith has also helped to oversee the Management Council for six seasons along with the likes of Vince Lombardi, Jim Finks and Art Modell. He has also served as the co-Chairman of the Pension Committee (seven years), on the Finance Committee (eight years), and as a member of the Coaches/Front Office Pension Committee. This will be his 27th season as sole owner of the Falcons, ranking him in the top ten in seniority among all the League's owners.

Community

Rankin has been very generous in his support of the Georgia community over the years. One of his main pet projects for the last three years is the building of the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. He is the Chairman of the Board of the $42.8 million project which will open this October. The 150,000 square foot facility will attract world class exhibits as it will be the only one of its kind in this section of the U.S. This "Dome," featuring an 85-foot atrium with cut glass panels and Victorian steel beams, is another proud project for Mr. Smith.

Throughout the years he has pledged over $7 million to charitable organizations in the southeast. To better service the needy children in the state, he created the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation in 1985, and it has aided over 100 area charities. His community endeavors have included being on the board of the Area Boy Scouts Council, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and the Fernbank Science Center. He is an active member of the board of trustees at Georgia, Reinhardt College and Lovett School. His community responsibilities have also entailed serving on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, and Central Atlanta Progress.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rankin M. Smith
Chairman

Rankin M. Smith, Jr.

Taylor Smith

Carroll
Smith Walraven

Dorothy Smith Knox

Nancy Karen Smith

Marion H. Allen, III

Tom Watson Brown

Jim Hay

Ken Herock

W. Barrett Howell

John P. Imlay, Jr.

I.M. Sheffield, III

Frank Wall

Felker Ward

Personal

Entering his third season as the club's president, Taylor W. Smith, was born on May 3, 1953 in Atlanta. The 39-year old southern native is the second youngest out of the five Smith Children. He and his wife, Louise, make their home in northwest Atlanta alongside their three daughters, Ryan (13), Sarah Brooks (11), and Rebecca (7). Taylor's free time is spent on the links as he enjoys attending The Masters, Atlanta Golf Classic, and other golf outings, while jogging and being a regular in the Peachtree Road Race.

Education

A lifetime Bulldog fan, he acquired his Business Administration degree from the University of Georgia. The member of the Sigma Alpha Epilson fraternity garnered three letters in football, track and soccer at Lovett High School. He was also a part of school's 1970 state football champions.

Football Background

Taylor has climbed the football ladder of the Falcons organization over the years, starting out in the equipment room. He moved on to public relations, spent a stint in the ticket office, and then sold suites and boxes at Fulton County Stadium. In 1982, he was named Corporate Secretary which included coordinating team travel, among other responsibilities. Taylor assumed the duties of Executive-Vice President in '86 before being elevated to his current post on May 3, 1990. His resume includes running the day-to-day football operations of the club as well as being involved in the negotiation of player contracts. Taylor was recently appointed to the NFL's seven-person steering committee that is devising a program for League players who are interested in completing their college degrees. He is also the club's liaison with the League office and has attended every Falcon training camp since '66.

Community

He helped the city of Atlanta attract the '94 Super Bowl (XXVIII) with the construction of the beautiful new Georgia Dome. His presence in the community is felt on the Visitors Board of Emory University, Advisory Board of the U.S.O., Board of Directors for Peach Bowl, and the downtown Atlanta Rotary Club. He serves as an administrator of funds for charity for the Falcons Youth Foundation and is a board member of the St. Ives Country Club.

Jim
HAY
VICE PRESIDENT and CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Personal

The 56-year old Hay was born in Eagleville, TN on Nov. 6, 1935. He hails from a family of four sisters (one is a doctor) and one brother (college professor). Jim and his wife, Mollie, have three children, Micki, Christie, and Jimmy, Jr.

Education

He received his undergraduate degree in Economics and Accounting from Utah State and completed the necessary requirements for his law degree from nearby Emory University in 1972. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1953-57.

Sports Background

A catcher in the Atlanta Braves minor league organization for eight years, Jim was once a battery mate of Phil Niekro. With the Atlanta Crackers, he was a four-time all-star who had a pair of MVP seasons (.307, 16 HR, 95 RBI in Boise and .270, 15 HR, 80 RBI in Panama City). Some other well-known teammates included Rico Carty, Tommy Aaron, and Paul Snyder. After baseball, he worked for the Stadium Authority (1965-78) before moving to the Falcons front office in 1978. His first job with the club was overseeing the building of the Falcons year-long training complex in Suwanee as Director of Physical Properties. Thanks to Hay's influence, the complex is considered one of the finest in the League, as it has been used as a model for subsequent NFL sites. He was promoted to Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 1980 and among his many duties is the negotiation of player contracts. Jim has also served as club's liaison during the construction of the Georgia Dome over the last two years.

Ken HEROCK
VICE PRESIDENT OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

Personal

Ken completed his fifth draft for the Falcons in April and third as Vice President of Player Personnel. He was born on July 16, 1941 in Munhall, Pa. When he's not on the road scouting, he and his wife, Barry, reside in Duluth, Ga. They have two sons, Kenny, and Shaun, a junior tackle for the Richmond football Spiders.

College

Herock acquired his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education in four years while playing football for the Mountaineers of West Virginia. He was an all-conference selection at both tight end and linebacker.

Football Background

The 51-year old's background in football is immense. He began his long career by making the Raiders roster in 1963. He quickly worked himself into the club's starting tight end for then Coach Al Davis. Ken played five seasons as a member of the Silver and Black of Oakland (63-67), including seeing action in Super Bowl II vs. Packers, and played alongside such Hall of Famers as Art Shell, George Blanda, Jim Otto, Fred Biletnikoff and Willie Brown. His former battery mate is current Seattle head coach and ex-Raider QB Tom Flores. He went on to become the first tight end in the history of the Cincinnati Bengals in 1968. His last year in the pro's was spent with the Boston Patriots in 1969. Herock returned to the Raiders as a scout in '70 before hitting the field as the club's special teams coach. He moved back into scouting and was named the Director of Player Personnel in '75. The expansion Tampa Bay Buccaneers sought out Herock to start their scouting department in 1976. He built the Buccaneers into a Playoff caliber team that advanced to the 1979 NFC Championship game around the likes of Doug Williams, Hugh Green, James Wilder, and Lee Roy and Dewey Selmon. After a two-year return to the Raiders, he was named the Falcons Director of College Personnel in May of '87. By moving up in the '92 draft to acquire T Bob Whitfield, Ken pulled off his fourth straight draft day deal. When he hired Jerry Glanville and the Falcons changed to the Red Gun offense, he applied his talents to acquire the players to fit the system. He traded for Andre Rison, who has been selected to two straight Pro Bowl's, and 7-time Pro Bowl lineman Chris Hinton. He drafted All-NFL Rookie Mike Pritchard and signed veteran Drew Hill off Plan B, teaming them with 1,000-yard receiver Michael Haynes (a 7th round Herock pick) and speedster George Thomas (a Herock 6th rounder). In addition, he picked the type of running back suitable for the Red Gun with the selection of Steve Broussard and Erric Pegram, while obtaining another potential bullet this year in draftee Tony Smith. When they needed another top flight cornerback to make the defense better he traded for Tim McKyer in '91 to pair up with Deion Sanders, an '89 Herock choice.

Herock was appointed by Commissioner Tagliabue to the NFL's College Relations Committee to strengthen the relationship between the colleges and pro's. He was the forerunner of the first college Combine workouts in Tampa.

CHUCK CONNOR
Director of Pro Personnel

Stone Mountain, Georgia native, Chuck Connor enters his fourth season in the Falcons starting lineup as Director of Pro Personnel. Chuck labored 11 years as the Director of Player Personnel for Don Shula with the Dolphins before being acquired by the birds. Some of his chores include player tryouts, grading League players, and the assessment of Plan B free agents. Connor has working knowledge of NFL players through his draft gradings over the years with Miami. He's also had scouting experience at BLESTO.

ELBERT DUBENION
Scout

Elbert was known as "Golden Wheels" during his playing days for the Buffalo Bills and since his career ended has traveled around the country scouting college talent for over two decades. He began his pro football career as a scout for the Bills (1968) and he moved onto the Dolphins (1979). Dubenion was promoted to Assistant Director of Player Personnel for Miami in 1984. During his playing days, he set Buffalo records for catches (296), touchdowns (35), and yards (5309), earning a spot on the Bills' Silver Anniversary All-Time team. Elbert hails from Griffin, Ga., and has been a member of Herock's scout team since 1987.

DANNY MOCK
Administrative Assistant

A resident of Duluth, Ga., Danny has been serving as Administrative Assistant for Ken Herock since '87. His various duties range from logging daily NFL transactions to filing scouting reports on the computer. Mock is the organization's liaison with pro personnel and the coaching staff and he's also responsible for keeping up with the hectic travel schedules of Herock and the scouts. Danny has been a Falcons staffer since 1980. He worked with Tom Atcheson in the film department in 1983 and earned the title of Assistant Video Director in 1985. He and his wife, Holly, have a two-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

BILL GROMAN
Scout

A product of Houston, Texas, Bill signed on with the Falcons personnel department in 1987 with the addition of Ken Herock. Groman and Herock worked together to build the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (78-82) into a perennial Playoff team. His other scouting stops have included Buffalo, San Diego, Cincinnati and Houston. Bill received his seasoning at the pro level as a prolific wide out for the Oilers. Groman's name is still in the record books for most consecutive 100-yard games (7) and rookie receiving yardage (1,473). The two-time All-Pro caught passes from Hall of Famer George Blanda and was in charge of the Player Personnel department of the USFL's Houston Gamblers in 1977.

BILL BAKER
Scout

A Jasper, Tennessee native, Baker will grade college players for the fourth year for Herock after coming over from the Richmond coaching staff. Bill was the Defensive Coordinator for six years for the Spiders, which included coaching S Brian Jordan. The running back/return specialist for the Volunteers of Tennessee played in the Orange, Cotton and Gator Bowls during his college days. His career on the coaching sidelines began at nearby Sandy Springs High School and included stops at Wichita State, Louisville, North Alabama and Austin Peay.

DICK CORRICK
Scout

The former Director of College Scouting for the Houston Oilers enjoyed a change of scenery and a Playoff season in his first year with the Falcons a year ago. A longtime evaluator of college talent, Corrick first broke into the NFL after being hired by Coach Dan Devine to scout the west coast for Green Bay in 1971. Dick served stints as the Packers Director of Player Personnel and Director of Pro Personnel before moving on to the AFC. The product of La Jolla, Ca., performed for Oregon State under Tommy Prothro as a linebacker/center. He has held coaching stints at Arizona State, California and Iowa State.

SCOTT CAMPBELL
Scout

Scott finished his third draft for the Falcons in April but has been a member of the organization since 1987. He held the duties of Administrative Assistant for Marion Campbell for three seasons before hitting the road as a scout. Campbell was introduced to scouting during parts of his earlier coaching career with Atlanta. Scott's territory is diverse as it includes the southeast as well as the midwest. The 30-year-old boasts a 1980 National Championship ring from his playing days as a reserve offensive lineman at Georgia. He was a part of three SEC championship teams and also was a graduate assistant at Auburn.

PASSING INTO HISTORY

Falcon quarterback Chris Miller passed his way to second in NFL history for most pass attempts in one game. On December 24, 1989, Chris attempted 66 passes against the Detroit Lions with 23 of those passes coming in the fourth quarter in the Falcons season finale. Miller had a club record—37 completions for 334 yards and two touchdowns. Chris is second only to George Blanda, of the Houston Oilers, who threw 68 passes against the Buffalo Bills in 1964.

TOMMY NOBIS
Director of Marketing

Nobis has parlayed a high profile 11-year football career in Atlanta, which included five Pro Bowl appearances, into running the marketing department of the organization. The birds first ever draft pick in 1966, Tommy is known around town to many fans as "Mr. Falcon." He came to the pro ranks after winning the prestigious Outland Trophy for Texas. The two-time All-America selection has been voted to the Hall of Fame in the states of Georgia and Texas. Nobis spends his spare time in the community and administering to the affairs of Falcons Youth Foundation.

JACK RAGSDALE
Director of Ticket Operations

Jack has been one of the busiest Falcon employees in '92 with the added ticket requests of a Playoff team and the new seat allocations in the Georgia Dome. Ragsdale has also been overseeing the ticket office's permanent move into the facility. Challenges are nothing new to Jack for he spent 20 years in the military, retiring as a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel. His notable career in the armed forces included several commendations for bravery like Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Distinguised Flying Cross. The North Georgia graduate became a member of the Falcons family in 1985.

THOMAS MEUNIER
Ticket Office/Vault Manager

Thomas has been a hard working member of the Falcons ticket office since 1985. The Tallapoosa, Ga. product was a standout offensive lineman at Tallapoosa High before heading to West Georgia College in Carrollton, Ga. to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in history. Meunier was a communications specialist in the army from 1970-72, spending a stint in Korea. Some of his duties in the ticket office included coordinating the TicketMaster system, mail orders, and daily ticket reports. His busy '92 offseason also entailed helping to move the ticket office to the new Georgia Dome.

LUCI BAILEY
Assistant Director of Ticket Operations

Luci has been a valuable member of the Falcons front office dating back to 1967. She honed her skills in handling Falcon tickets while at the same time working for the baseball Braves at Fulton County Stadium. Bailey concentrated her efforts on strictly football in 1972. A Waycross, Ga. native, she has had her hands full with all of the responsibilities of relocating the ticket office to the Georgia Dome. Luci was elevated to Assistant Director of Ticket Operations in '85.

CHARLIE TAYLOR
Director of Public Relations

Taylor enters his 17th NFL season (6th Atlanta, 11 Redskins) since being a Sports Information Director at his alma mater, Fairmont State (W.Va.) College, where he won three national publication awards. The PR specialist continues to oversee media relations, TV/radio network responsibilities, publications and printing duties, photography needs, community affairs, special projects, creative design tasks, and club events, among other duties. Chairing the NFL Films Committee and assisting the NFL in staff Super Bowls, Taylor also has earned two Super Bowl rings and a Pro Bowl watch for his efforts.

FRANK KLEHA
Assistant Director of Public Relations

Frank heads into his sixth season in Atlanta after being drafted into the Falcons public relations department in 1987. Prior to his return to the 'New South,' Kleha coordinated the top sports for the Division I George Mason University Patriots. He helped publicize a post-season berth for the men's basketball team, a pair of NCAA track champions and an Olympian, during his stay at the Fairfax, Va. school. Frank, a Fayetteville, N.C. native, received his first taste of the NFL with the Redskins in 1984. He is the editor of the GameDay program and a columnist in the new Falcons Extra newspaper.

CAROL BREEDING
Director of Community Relations

Carol controls the club's year-round community relations calendar with the saavy that belies her 19 years of service to the Falcons. Breeding's duties include player appearances, community and educational projects, and Coach Glanville's many appearances, among other endeavors. A rabid Auburn supporter, she started in the organization in '73 and has labored in marketing and public relations. Carol is still active in gameday entertainment and helps Ginger Poole with the cheerleaders.

TODD MARBLE
Public Relations Assistant

Marble was added to the public relations staff after serving as in intern with the Falcons during the 1990 Season. The 26-year old product of Little Rock, AR received his Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from the University of Arkansas in 1988, where he is an alumnus of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Since joining the Falcons, Marble has been involved in every facet of PR and worked on other special projects for the organization as well as coordinating team travel and working with the Atlanta Chapter of the NFL Alumni. Born and raised in Little Rock, Todd has been working in the Atlanta area since 1989.

JERRY RHEA
Trainer

Jerry Rhea has been synonomous with athletic training excellence since breaking into the NFL in 1967. His first stint in pro football began with the Los Angeles Rams under George Allen. The '92 campaign marks his 24th season administering to the training needs of Falcon players. A graduate of Texas A&M, he was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 1985. For his outstanding work in his profession, he earned the 1992 Society Distinguished Service Trainer Award. The pride of Ennis, Texas has served as president of the NATA and won Trainer of the Year accolades two times in his career. He and his wife of 35 years, Beverly, have one grandson, Collin.

WHITEY ZIMMERMAN
Equipment Manager

Whitey will celebrate his 30th NFL season in style as he settles into a brand new locker room at the Georgia Dome. Zeke has been running the show in the Falcons equipment department as the first and only manager in team history since '66. Zimmerman was originally drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1962 and issued equipment for the likes of Charley Johnson, Larry Wilson and John David Crowe until 1965. He has been voted the Equipment Manager of the Year twice by his peers. Sports has always been a big part of his life and as a youth he was a bat boy for the St. Louis Browns.

BILLY BROOKS
Assistant Trainer

Billy is embarking on his 10th season as Rhea's top assistant. Brooks is the designated rehabilitation specialist for the club as he works closely with players who've had serious injuries. His successful projects have included the likes of William Andrews, Michael Reid and John Rade. A product of Garland, Texas, he acts as the Vice Chairman of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers. Billy has tutored students at Georgia State in the finer points of athletic training and he holds a Masters degree in exercise science. His first break into the NFL came with the Saints in 1980.

HORACE DANIEL
Assistant Equipment Manager

Horace looks forward to moving into a new home after 26 years at Fulton County Stadium. He helped build the old stadium while working for the Stadium Authority before being signed by the Falcons as a free agent. This season marks Daniels' 26th year with the organization. During that span, the native Atlantan has only missed two Falcon games. Horace is the father of two, Kim and Ken, and is also a grandfather.

TOM ATCHESON
Video Director

Tom has the task of videoing every Falcon practice and game and editing the tape for coaches and players to view in preparation for the next week's contest. "Atch" has been fulfilling that role for the club since '79. When the Falcons moved into their new year-round complex in Suwanee in '78, he was in charge of the conversion from film to video. Tom, who hails from Dallas, Ga., saw action on the sidelines at Georgia Tech and Auburn as a team photographer before turning pro.

WALLACE NORMAN
Controller

An Atlanta product from Henry Grady High School, Wallace joined the pro ranks in '87 after a time as an associate analyst for Federal Express. The political science degree holder from Georgia was named the team's Controller in '90. With this assignment, he became the League's first minority to hold such a position. Norman also earned enough credits to pick up his M.B.A. in finance and is currently working on his masters in accounting at nearby Georgia State.

FALCON STAFF

Kevin Anthony
Administrative
Assistant

Janet Benton
Secretary
Administration

Connie Bonner
Adm. Assistant
Ticket Office

Nancy Bruno
Secretary
Rank Smith, Sr.

Craig Campanozzi
Equipment Aide

FALCON STAFF

Carolyn Cathey
Accounting

Hamilton Childree
Tax Advisor

Joe Choate
Superintendent
Build. Maintenace

Dot Coogler
Ticket Office

Jimmy Cribb
Photographer

Lou Crocker
Asst. Video Dir.

Karen Donofrio
Secretary/Computers
Taylor Smith

Roy Fulton
Office Aide/Chauffeur

John Garrett
Team Doctor

Charles Harrison
Team Doctor

Jim Hewitt
Superintendent
Grounds Maint.

Brenda Johnston
Secretary

FALCON STAFF

James Jones
Maint. Aide

LaDonna Jones
Personnel

Perry McIntyre, Jr.
Photographer

Karen Olson
Ticket Office

Ginger Poole
Cheerleader
Director

Valerie Southard
Receptionist

LuAnn Stanaland
Secretary
Public Relations

Robert Swope
Entertainment
Director

Donna Wilson
Housekeeping

Doug Worthan
Team Security

Carol Woody
Ticket Office
Secretary

Jan Zeller
Marketing

DIRECTORY

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Chairman of the Board ..... Rankin M. Smith, Sr.
President ..... Taylor Smith
Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer ..... Jim Hay
Vice-President of Player Personnel ..... Ken Herock
Director of Marketing ..... Tommy Nobis
Director of Public Relations ..... Charlie Taylor
Assistant Director ..... Frank Kleha
Public Relations Assistant ..... Todd Marble
Director of Community Relations ..... Carol Breeding
Director of Ticket Operations ..... Jack Ragsdale
Assistant Director ..... Luci Bailey
Vault Manager ..... Thomas Meunier
Administrative Assistant ..... Connie Bonner
Administrative Assistant/Player Personnel ..... Danny Mock
Assistant ..... LaDonna Jones
Scouts ..... Bill Baker, Scott Campbell
Dick Corrick, Elbert Dubenion, Bill Groman
Director of Pro Personnel ..... Chuck Connor
Controller ..... Wallace Norman
Accounting ..... Carolyn Cathey
Tax Advisor ..... Hamilton Childree
Trainer ..... Jerry Rhea
Assistant Trainer ..... Bill Brooks
Team Doctor ..... Dr. Charles Harrison
Team Doctor ..... Dr. John Garrett
Equipment Manager ..... Whitey Zimmerman
Assistant Manager ..... Horace Daniel
Staff Assistant ..... Craig Campanozzi
Video Director ..... Tom Atcheson
Assistant Video Director ..... Lou Crocker
Staff Secretaries ..... (Rankin M. Smith, Sr.) Nancy Bruno
(Administration) Janet Benton
(Taylor Smith) Karen Donofrio
(Coaches) Brenda Johnston
(Receptionist) Valerie Southard
(Public Relations) LuAnn Stanaland
(Ticket Office) Carol Woody
(Marketing) Jan Zeller
Office Aide/Chauffeur ..... Roy Fulton
Superintendent of Building Maintenance ..... Joe Choate
Superintendent of Grounds Maintenance ..... Jim Hewitt
Assistant ..... James Jones
Housekeeping ..... Donna Wilson

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach ..... Jerry Glanville
Assistant Head Coach/Defense ..... Doug Shively
Assistant Head Coach/Offense ..... June Jones
Secondary ..... Jimmy Carr
Strength & Conditioning ..... Tim Jorgensen
Defensive Line ..... Bill Kollar
Offensive Line ..... Keith Rowen
Wide Receivers ..... Jimmy Robinson
Running Backs ..... Ollie Wilson
Special Teams/Tight Ends ..... Bobby April

COACHES

10 20 30 40 50

Jerry GLANVILLE

HEAD COACH

NFL observers shouldn't have been surprised that Jerry Glanville turned the Falcons into a Playoff caliber team in only his second season in Atlanta in 1991. He followed the same blueprint for success in his second year in Houston. After the Oilers suffered through six straight losing campaigns, he guided them to the post season for three consecutive years (one of only four teams to advance to the Playoffs all three seasons). **Glanville is one of only three NFL head coaches to have taken teams to the Playoffs in four of the last five seasons.**

The bird's 11 victories last year were the second most ever in club history to the 12 wins accomplished in 1980 (with Glanville as Defensive Coordinator). The Falcons shook up the NFC West by sweeping the 49ers (first time a team captured two NFC West games from them since 1980) & Rams and splitting with the Saints. After an 0-2 start, Atlanta won 10 of their next 14 games, including five victories in-a-row, to come within one triumph of claiming the Division crown.

Glanville stresses to his troops the importance of winning division games on the road and he saw tangible results in '91 as his club won at every opponents site. In the third game of the year at San Diego, Atlanta broke their 19 game road losing streak and went on to capture three more wins away from home. Glanville's crew set the tempo at home as they posted a 6-2 home mark, the best since the 6-2 slate of '80, to total an 11-5 combined record over two seasons.

Besides showing improvement in the win column, Glanville's physical team has continued to progress in other statistical categories.

- The Red Gun offense was the 5th highest scoring team in the League and finished 8th overall in Total Offense and 6th in Passing Offense in '91.
- The "Black Wave" defense continued its aggressive play which resulted in the unit allowing teams only to complete 52.4% of their pass attempts, 3rd best in the NFL.
- His Special Teams were again one of the most "special" units in the NFL, whether it was blocking kicks, forcing fumbles, creating havoc, or returning kicks for TD's.

The colorful coach made a name for himself as secondary coach and later as the Defensive Coordinator for the Falcons successful defenses from 1977-82. Some of his defenses are still in the club record book for such things as fewest yards allowed in a season, fewest rushing yards and fewest passing yards. His '77 unit boasted the fewest points allowed in an NFL season with 129 in 14 games. He was part of the staff that claimed the NFC West crown in 1980 and has been on all four Falcon Playoff teams (1978, 1980, 1982, 1991).

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HEAD COACHING RECORD				
Year	Team	Building	Winning	Playoffs
1985	Houston	0-2	—	—
1986	Houston	5-11	—	—
1987	Houston	—	9-6	1-1
1988	Houston	—	10-6	1-1
1989	Houston	—	9-7	0-1
1990	Atlanta	5-11	—	—
1991	Atlanta	—	10-6	1-1
6+ Years		10-24	38-25 .603%	3-4 (5 of 7 on road)

PERSONAL:

- Born: Oct. 14, 1941; Detroit
- Age: 50
- High School: Perrysburg, Ohio
- College Graduate: Northern Michigan, where he played linebacker and has been inducted into their Hall of Fame and was a '92 recipeint of their Distinguished Alumni Award
- Masters Degree: Western Kentucky
- Family: Wife, Brenda, of 15 years; son, Justin (8/5/82)

COACHING CAREER:

- Atlanta Falcons, Head Coach
- Hired by Ken Herock on January 14, 1990
- Houston Oilers, Head Coach, 1986-89
  Def. Coordinator, 1984-85
- Buffalo Bills, 1983, Defensive Backs
- Atlanta Falcons, 1977-82
  Defensive Backs, 1977-78
  Def. Coordinator, 1979-82
- Detroit Lions, 1974-76
  Special Teams/Def. Assistant
- Georgia Tech, 1968-73
  Defensive Assistant on three Bowl teams
  (1970, Sun; 1971, Peach; 1972, Liberty)
- Western Kentucky, 1967 (Coached with Cards Joe Bugel)
- Ohio High Schools, 1964-66 (Lima and Cincinnati)

ALONG THE WAY:

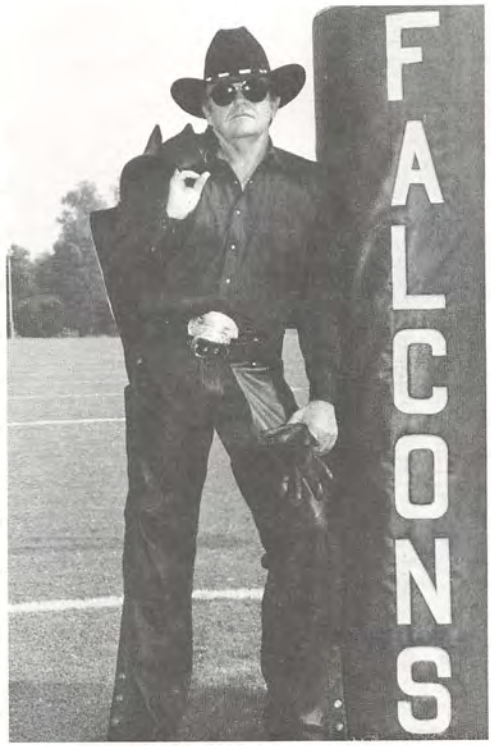
Perrysburg High School - Played catcher on school's baseball team with Pittsburgh Pirates head Coach Jim Leyland.

Western Kentucky - Roomed with Phoenix Cardinals Head Coach Joe Bugel.

Georgia Tech - Hired by ex-Browns head Coach and current Eagles Def. Coordinator Bud Carson.

Detroit Lions - First NFL Job under Rick Forzano on staff with other assistants who went on to Head Jobs (Bugel, Raymond Berry), coaching special teams where the kick holder was QB Sam Wyche (Bengals, Bucs).

Past jobs have included working on an assembly line at a Chevrolet plant and on a loading dock at General Mills (at $110 a week).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OFF THE FIELD INTERESTS

Community

One of the most active people in all of Atlanta. He visits children hospitals weekly, keeping a bulletin board with lots of their photos in his office. He's organized a pair of charity concerts on his own called "Heroes of the Heart" and is always at the annual Sports Carnival signing autographs. This year, he's been involved with the March of Dimes fund raiser, the Leukemia Breakfast of Champions, the Aids Walk of Life, the "Challenge of Excellence" for Boys and Girls Clubs, the Douglas County cultural arts, the Carolinas Athlete of the Year, and the Georgia North-South HS all-star game. His "Sober Choices" program hits home to high school students, especially around prom time, as he himself chooses not to drink alcohol. No one in Atlanta is surprised to turn around and see him, whether it's at the Governor's Mansion, the State Capitol, the country and western clubs, concerts, baseball games, church, race tracks, restaurants, or waving to them at a stop light. The man is out and about, the man is friendly.

Racing

Racing is his third love, after football and his family, because "I don't hunt, fish or play golf." He spent his spare time in the '91 offseason qualifying for the Busch Grand National NASCAR races at Lanier (Ga.) Raceway, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Rougemont (N.C.), Myrtle Beach, and Daytona. He was seen on the speedways in his black car, black driving suit and black helmet with Falcons bird on side. He's hit 175 mph on the super speedways, he's crashed into a wall at 130, he's serious at his schools, and he's quite serious about the tracks.

Cars/Motorcycles

He owns two restored, black 1950 Mercury two-door coupes (with 350 Corvette engines) and a 1940 Ford (Corvette ZZ-1 engine). He's currently driving in his black Chevy Super Sport pick-up truck with the 454 engine (the biggest one they make, he says). He also owns a Harley Davidson Low Rider that he drag races.

Music

An avid country music fan, he loves to attend concerts. He keeps in touch with Kris Kristofferson, Travis Tritt, Jerry Jeff Walker and John Cougar Mellencamp, Hank Williams, Jr., Doug Stone, and Diamond Rio, among a growing list of others.
Video-wise, he may be the only one in America to be in both a rap video (Hammer's Too Legit To Quit) and a country western video (Confederate Railroad's She Took It Like A Man).

Not Forgotten

It started in 1988 at a Houston Oilers preseason game in Memphis, TN, when he toured Graceland and decided to leave tickets for "the King" at that night's game. Ever since, he's been known for that gesture. Of course, when his office has a collection of Elvis memorabilia from sunglasses, to a bust, to license plates, to a Georgia Dome hard hat, he's kept Elvis alive. A James Dean fan, as well, Glanville has a life-size cut out in his office, sunglasses, photos of his famous Porsche, et al, "the Rebel" lives on, too.

DOUG SHIVELY
Assistant Head Coach/Defense

Doug's defense boasted the third lowest completion % in the League last year at 52.4%. The linebacker coach saw one of his pupils, Jessie Tuggle, lead the NFL in tackles for the second straight season. Shively has experienced every Falcon Playoff game in team history as he enjoyed his fourth appearance in the post season with the birds in '91. In addition, the Kentucky product has been on the Playoff coaching sidelines four out of last five seasons. He was part of Falcons staff (1977-82) that formed the "Gritz Blitz" defense, establishing an NFL record for fewest points allowed in a season (14 games - 129 pts). Doug was a member of Atlanta's 1980 NFC West champs and has coached at Houston, Tampa Bay, and San Diego. He was the head coach of the Arizona Wranglers of the USFL.

JUNE JONES
Assistant Head Coach/Offense

June coached his second Pro Bowl QB in Chris Miller last year as his input allowed the Falcons Red Gun offense to continue to soar to new heights. With his influence, the birds finished 5th in Points Scored, 6th in Passing Offense, 8th in Total Offense, and 5th in Passing TD's. The Portland, Oregon product put on a Falcons uniform from 1977-81 (166-75-923-3 TD-7 INT) as a back-up signal-caller to Steve Bartkowski. As a senior at Portland State, he threw for 3,518 yards, with 25 TD's, for a run and shoot offense under Mouse Davis. He has held other NFL coaching stints with the Oilers (1987-88) and Lions (1989-90). In Houston, he and Glanville devised the four wide receiver "Red Gun" attack. June has helped teams to a Grey Cup (in CFL), a Division title in the USFL with QB Jim Kelly, and Playoff berths in both conferences.

JIMMY ROBINSON
Wide Receivers

Jimmy's second season tutoring the club's wide outs included another Pro Bowl year for Andre Rison and 5, 100-yard receiving games and a League-best 22.4 average for Michael Haynes. Robinson's Rison/Haynes duo totaled an NFL-high 23 TD's as the passing offense was 6th highest on League charts in '91. The ex-Georgia Tech standout was with the Yellowjackets of Bobby Ross for three seasons prior to making the move down I-85 north to Suwanee. He played for three teams in the League, the Giants, 49ers and Broncos, besides a stint with the '75 Falcons, in a seven-year career. The Atlanta native is a member of Tech's Hall of Fame. His other pro coaching stop was with Pepper Rodgers with the USFL's Memphis Showboats.

OLLIE WILSON
Running Backs

Ollie enters his second year with the club and his first season helping to mold a #1 draft pick in Tony Smith. The Falcons running attack featured 2, 100-yard games a year ago under the direction of Wilson, including a 4.1 yards per carry average, 5th-highest in the conference. He was familiar with the club's system when he was hired in 1991 because he served a stint in training camps in Houston and Atlanta with Glanville as part of the NFL's minority fellowship program. Ollie coached eight seasons with the Golden Bears of Cal-Berkely, teaching the school's RB's, WR's, and DB's, in his time on the west coast. The Springfield College graduate has also spent time on the campus of Northeastern and once coordinated the affairs of the Black Coaches Association.

KEITH ROWEN
Offensive Line

In Keith's first year as offensive line coach, the birds showed added improvement. The front line fortress posted the fewest sacks per pass attempt (31 in 531) in club history, one for every 17 pass plays. His line blocked for a running game that averaged 4.1 yards per carry, 5th best in NFC, 8th best NFL. Rowen, an ex-Stanford lineman, will work with another fellow Cardinal player in 1st rounder Bob Whitfield. Besides his experiences as a player, Keith labored with the Colts line (1985-88), including work with Pro Bowler Chris Hinton. He moved over to the line after serving as Falcons special teams coach in '90. His stopovers in the League outside of Indy include New England (special teams in '89) and Cleveland (running backs in '84).

JIMMY CARR
Secondary

Jimmy coached yet another player to the Pro Bowl last year in Deion Sanders as the Falcons CB pair of Sanders and McKyer combined for a League-high 12 interceptions. The secondary also helped the birds hold opponents to only a 52.4% completion percentage, third-best in the League in '91, and held eight opponents under 200-yards passing. Carr is a veteran of over three decades in the NFL, counting his tenure as a coach and player. Before heading to Atlanta, he was on the staff of the New England Patriots (1985-89). "Gummy's" NFL experience on the sidelines spans six teams: Vikings (1966-68, 1979-81), Bears (1973-74), Eagles (1970-72), Lions (1975-76), Bills (1977), and Niners (1978). His playing career included three teams, with a World Championship coming with the Eagles in 1960.

BILL KOLLAR
Defensive Line

Bill is a three year NFL veteran of the Falcons coaching staff. He tutored the defensive ends and special teams at both Illinois and Purdue before signing with the birds. His line helped the Falcons lead the League in rush defense (3.3) in '90 and his unit led the charge up front by not allowing a rushing TD in seven games in '91 (and in 13 of 16 games, they allowed one or no rushing scores). He has coached a player to All-NFL rookie status two straight years (Tory Epps and Moe Gardner) as he saw Gardner earn Defensive Rookie of the Year honors. Kollar was the first player out of the Big Sky conference to go in the 1st round of an NFL draft in 1974 when he was chosen by the Bengals. He logged time in 109 games, including five seasons in Tampa Bay.

Playoff Format Expanded

The NFL owners voted to expand the number of teams making post season play from ten teams to twelve teams in 1990. Both leagues (AFC and NFC) will be afforded an additional wild card team. As it stands with the additions, there will be the three divisional winners and the three wild card teams representing each league. Under the new format, in post season play, there will be eight teams, with four games being played in the first week of playoff action. The top two rated wild card teams will square off in one game, while the remaining wild card team (with the worst record) will play the divisional team that has the fewest wins.

TIM JORGENSEN
Strength and Conditioning

Tim journeys into his ninth campaign in the NFL and sixth season in Atlanta. Jorgensen's first taste of pro ball came when he earned the Eagles job as the club's initial Strength and Conditioning coach in 1984. The native of St. Louis, MO oversees the team's physical development program. He supervised the Falcons "Operation Headstart" conditioning work for the third off-season. A featured instructor at seminars and clinics in Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama, Tim preaches about proper training techniques. After a stellar playing career as an offensive lineman at Southwest Missouri State, he worked on the staff at his alma mater and later at Alabama, before becoming the Strength Coordinator at LSU.

BOBBY APRIL
Special Teams/Tight Ends

April's enthusiasm was evident in his first season on the job in the pro's. The results of the club's special units were also very evident. In 1991, Bobby's unit: blocked seven total kicks (three punts, two FG, two PAT), tackled a punter for loss and deflected another punt, forced four fumbles on returns, scored on a 100-yard kickoff return, set club mark for FG accuracy, booted 15 straight FG's, executed game winning OT FG and every attempt inside 45 yards, had 22 punts inside the 20, while allowing opponents to make good on only 50% of their FG's (13-26). Bobby made the jump to the pro's after stopovers at Southern Cal ('87-'90), Arizona ('80-'86) and Tulane ('79) under Larry Smith. As a player, the defensive end/linebacker performed at Nicholls State.

All-Time Assistant Coaches Roster

April, Bobby	1991-92
Barnes, Billy Ray	1971-74
Beightol, Larry	1985-86
Brasher, Tommy	1986-89
Bruney, Fred	1969-76
	1986-89
Campbell, Marion	1969-74
	1986-89
Campbell, Scott	1987-89
Carpenter, Lew	1967-68
Carr, Jimmy	1990-92
Champion, Jim	1977-79
Christiansen, Jack	1983
Clausen, Chuck	1986-89
Crutchfield, Bill	1967
Crosby, Steve	1983-84
	1986-89
Dickson, George	1966
Dostal, George	1983-86
Dowhower, Rod	1987-89
Ecklund, Brad	1966-67
Elliott, Sam	1983-86
Fazio, Foge	1988-89
Fears, Tom	1966
Fritsch, Ted	1983-86
Fry, Bob	1967-68
	1983-84
Gilmer, Harry	1970-74
Glanville, Jerry	1977-82
	1990-92
Griffin, Bob	1969-74
Groh, Al	1987
Hanifan, Jim	1987-89
	(head coach 4 games)
Harrison, Bob	1983-86
Herring, Hal	1966-68
Humphrey, Claude	1987-89
Jackson, Bobby	1983-86
Jones, June	1991-92
Jorgensen, Tim	1987-92
Jobko, Bill	1968
Khayat, Ed	1975-76
Kollar, Bill	1990-92
Lavan, Al	1975-76
Madden, Joe	1985-86
Marshall, John	1983-85
Matuszak, Marv	1974-76
McDonnell, Mike	1978-82
McDuffie, Wayne	1982, 1990
Nelson, Bill	1975-76
North, John	1977-82
Orr, Jimmy	1975-76
Phillips, Jim (Red)	1968
Plumb, Ted	1977-79
Puetz, Garry	1983-85
Putnam, Duane	1969-74
Rauch, John	1975
Raye, Jimmy	1980-82
	1987-89
Robinson, Jimmy	1990-92
Rossley, Tom	1990
Rowen, Keith	1990-92
Sekanovich, Dan	1983-85
Sherman, Ray	1990
Shively, Doug	1977-82
	1990-92
Stanley, Jim	1980-82
Stanton, Jack	1984-85
Symank, John	1966-68
Walsh, Bill	1975-82
Wilson, Ollie	1991-92
Wood, Dick	1978-82
Yowarsky, Walt	1969-70

FALCON TRAINING COMPLEX

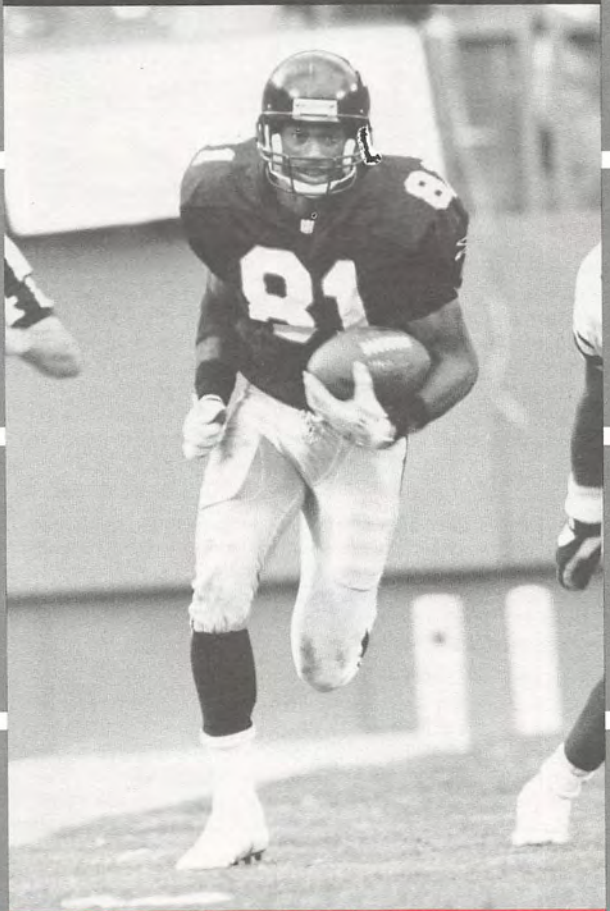
The Falcons year-round home is this first-class Complex located off I-85 in Suwanee, GA. Completed in August of 1978, this facility provides all the needs for the players, coaches, & administrative personnel. This will be the 15th season for the Falcons here, with Training Camp operating here for a 14th consecutive year.

Included in the spacious 28,060 square-foot, two-story, red-brick building are the locker-room facilities, a training and rehabilitation room, a renovated weight room, the equipment room, player meeting rooms, coaches offices, scouting room, film/video library and all the club's administrative offices (except ticket office). There are six and a half acres of land available for practice fields. The lake out front of the Complex is used to recirculate water for the fields.

Construction began (more than 150,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved) on April 3, 1978, and was completed less than five months later. The club's administrative offices had been housed at the Atlanta Fulton County Stadium with summer camps in Greenville, S.C. (Furman University campus). This facility in growing Gwinnett County is approximately 30 miles northeast of downtown Atlanta, off Exit 44 of I-85.

Adjacent to the practice facility are the Falcon Inn (a Best Western chain) and Conference Center and The Complex Club. The 104-room motel houses the players and provides the meals during camps and is also open to the public. The Complex Club is a health and racquetball facility available for player use and is a public-member club.

PLAYERS



Kentucky
3rd Year
Ht.: 6'3"
Wt.: 288
Born: 4-9-66

Acquisition: 3rd Round, 55th Overall, 1990 Draft

Oliver BARNETT

OFFENSIVE LINE

72

Last Season

Barnett continued to improve in his second season in the League as he set a career-best with 44 tackles while playing in 15 games with a pair of starts. His 75-yard fumble return off a forced fumble from Moe Gardner on QB Jeff Carlson of the Buccaneers in Week 12 made the highlight reels and was the second longest in club history. He also added a sack of Carlson to complete his day. Oliver's top tackle games were 7 stops each versus the 49ers (Week 10), Saints (Week 5), and Redskins (Week 11). He also chipped in with four tackles each in victories over the Raiders and Rams (Week 9). In the May '92 Mini-Camp, Oliver was moved over to work with the Falcons offensive line.

Pro Career

Oliver has performed on the Falcons' defensive line in all but two games over the last two seasons. He put his name in the club record book for his 75-yard fumble return for a touchdown, second only to Bob Glazebrook's 91-yarder against the Giants in 1982. He set his personal-best for tackles in a game three times last year with seven apiece. In 1990, young Barnett started a game while playing in 15 contests. He spelled Mike Gann at Cleveland who left with an injury and had a career-high four solo tackles and a batted ball.

College

Oliver set a school record with 26 QB sacks at Kentucky and finished with 271 tackles, 43 behind the line of scrimmage. He started 33 straight games as a Wildcat (every one since 1987) and was an All-SEC choice and second team AP All-America as a senior, where he totaled 86 tackles, seven sacks, and 14 tackles for a minus 50 yards in losses. He was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for his 12 solo tackles, 3 sacks, and a forced fumble in a win over Vanderbilt. His best sack season came as a junior when he got to the quarterback at least one time in six consecutive games and nine times overall.

Notebook

Oliver didn't participate in football until his junior year at Jefferson (KY) High because he suffered a head injury when he was young and his mother kept him on the sidelines. When he convinced his mother, Hattie, that it was safe to get back on the field, Barnett's career took off. He led his team as a senior with 56 tackles and 13 sacks en route to garnering All-State and All-District honors. "Ollie" has collected comic books as a hobby ever since the age of 12. His collection includes the likes of Thor, Spiderman, Batman, Daredevil, Captain America and Incredible Hulk. His 1972 Daredevil book is a personal favorite along with an old Spiderman version that is worth

$60 on the comic book market. An avid weight lifter, he broke every school record for lifting at Kentucky, including the bench press (420 lbs.), squat (850 lbs.), clean jerk (385 lbs.), and combined lifting (1,655 lbs.).

Personal

Oliver Wesly was a spring time baby born to Sam and Hattie Mack in Louisville. His early athletic endeavors were confined to only the hardwood in that basketball-crazed part of the country. He is just nine hours short of receiving his degree in social work and studies at nearby Georgia State in the offseason. His other hobby is playing chess and his favorite movie is "The Untouchables." He and his wife, Mary, reside in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Career Statistics

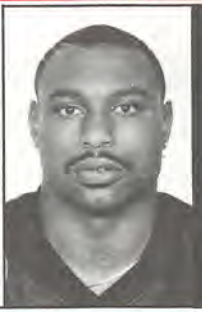
			Tackles							
Year	GP/GS	Team	No.	Solo	Assists	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR	TD
1990	15/1	Atl	21	10	11	0	3	0	0	0
1991	15/2	Atl	47	21	26	1	5	1	1	1
Totals	30/3	Atl	68	31	37	1	8	1	1	1
Playoff Totals:										
1991	2/0	Atl	5	3	2	0	2	0	0	

Barnett's Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Pressures
7 S.F. (11-3-91) 7 N.O. (9-29-91) 7 at Wash. (11-10-91)	1 T.B. (11-17-91)	3 T.B. (11-17-91)

Washington State
3rd Year
Ht.: 5'7"
Wt.: 201
Born: 2-22-67

Acquisition: 1st Round, 20th overall, 1990 Draft



Steve
BROUSSARD
RUNNING BACK
34

Last Season

Steve was the Falcons' leader in three categories: rushing yards with 449, average at 4.5, and rushing TD's with 4. The compact runner rushed for 100 yards twice in victories at San Diego (20-101) and at San Francisco (10-104). The 101 yards against the Chargers was his first 100-yard rushing day of his career. His best day as a pro came in the 49er victory as he rambled

for all of his career-best 104 yards in the crucial fourth quarter. He gained three first downs out of his 10 carries, including longs of 36 and 23 yards, respectively, to help the birds run out the clock and secure the upset. His sophomore season also included his first two touchdown outing at the Rams. Broussard's season ended prematurely as he fractured his right fibula against Seattle in Week 16 and was lost for the year.

Pro Career

Broussard is a club record holder by virtue of his 10.4 rushing average against the 49ers in Week 7. All of his 104 yards and 10 carries came in the 4th quarter of that game as the birds attempted to run out the clock. He has battled through a number of nagging injuries in his short career, but still has suited up for 27 out of 32 regular season games so far.

Year-by-Year

1990: As a rookie, Steve was second on the team with 454 yards. He also carried a 3.6 average per rush, while scoring four TD's, and hauled in 24 passes for 160 more yards. His best game came in front of a nationally televised audience against the Bengals when he turned a sweep into a 50-yard TD (10th longest in team history). He was banged up the second half of the season with hamstring, ankle and knee problems, after starting the initial eight games to begin the season. Broussard's other top rookie outings came against the Lions (88 rushing yards) and Rams (55 yards, four catches). He started out of the gate quickly with a 71-yard TD versus the Packers in the preseason.

Notebook

Broussard became the first Falcons' runner to line up in the backfield in his first pro start in '90 since former Falcon great William Andrews back in 1979. His first day on the job also was capped off when he scored on a six-yard run. Steve was the first running back chosen by the Falcons in the first round since Gerald Riggs in 1982. The birds obtained the pick as part of a trade that ironically sent Riggs to the Redskins in 1989.

College

Steve amassed 3,044 rushing yards at the Pullman, WA school, which was second only to the ex-Saints RB Rueben Mayes. He broke Mayes' school record with 41 lifetime TD's, 33 on the ground, and reeled off long runs of 81, 71, and 59 yards, while also catching longs of 79t, 77, 66, 48 and 46t yards. The shifty runner racked up personal bests of 205, 199, and 153 rushing days and had six straight 100-yard plus outings as a senior. Broussard also hauled in120 passes for 1,179 yards, leading the PAC-10 as a sophomore with 59 catches and scored on 98 yard KOR. Only he and Ahmad Rashad ever won both conference rushing and receiving titles.

Personal

Broussard grew up in south-central Los Angeles and wanted to distance himself from his rough surroundings, so he took to the hills of Washington State. USC was disappointed he didn't become a Trojan since the campus was only two blocks from his home. He paced Manual Arts High School to the LA city championship at the AAA level as a senior, playing halfback and linebacker, while earning three varsity letters under coach Jeff Engleman. He was named to the All-State team for his exploits as a runner. Steve used his blazing speed (4.49 in 40) as a member of the track team and captured the city title in the 100 meters as a junior. He was born to Worley and Jennette Broussard in Los Angeles and has one sister. He and his wife, Monique, welcomed their first child, Talin Caprece, on March 15.

Career Statistics

	RUSHING						RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS					
Year	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Tot. Yds.
1990	13/10	126	454	3.6	50t	4	24	160	6.7	18	0	3	45	15.0	23	0	659
1991	14/5	99	449	2.5	36	4	12	120	10.0	25t	1	0	0	0	0	0	569
Totals:	27/15	225	903	4.0	50t	8	36	280	7.8	25t	1	3	45	15.0	23	0	1,228

Broussard's Bests

No.	Yards	Long	TD
	RUSHING		
20 at S.D. (9-15-91) 19 at Det (9-16-90) 17 Hous (9-9-90)	104 at S.F. (10-13-91) 101 at S.D. (9-15-91) 88 at Det (9-16-90)	50t Cinc (10-2890) 36 at S.F. (10-13-91) 24 at S.F. (9-23-90)	2 at Rams (12-8-91) 1 Six Times
	RECEIVING		
4 at Rams (10-21-90) 3 Four Times	26 at Det (9-16-90) 25 Two Times	25t Raiders (9-22-91) 22 G.B. (12-1-91)	1 Raiders (9-22-91)

Oklahoma
9th Year
Ht.: 6'4"
Wt.: 265
Born: 3-20-62

Acquisition: 1st Round, 9th overall, 1984 Draft

Rick
BRYAN
DEFENSIVE END
77

Last Season

Veteran Rick moved into the starting lineup in Week 5 against the Saints when Mike Gann was lost for the season and quietly had a career year. Bryan had a personal-best 137 tackles, with 3 QB sacks, 31 QB pressures and 2 forced fumbles, while playing in all 16 games, with 12 starts. His top game was on national television in the overtime victory over the Saints when he recorded 15 tackles and 5 QB pressures. In a game filled with big plays, Rick also forced RB Fred McAfee to fumble on his own 15-yard line with two minutes left in regulation and Tory Epps recovered as the Falcons went on to tie the score to force OT. He collected 12 stops at Dallas and 11 vs. Raiders, 49ers (plus a sack and 4 pressures), Packers (3 pressures) and in the playoffs at Washington. In addition, he had a 10 tackle day against the Niners and 9 stops each versus the Saints and Redskins. It was his final blow which knocked Seattle QB Kelly Stouffer out of

the game, forcing a safety on the ninth play of the game in Week 16. He chipped in on special teams with a blocked extra point vs. the Vikings and a blocked field goal vs. Cardinals.

Pro Career

Bryan has registered five 100+ tackle seasons out of eight years in the League with his personal-best of 137 in '91. He fought back from a nerve root injury suffered in 1989 to record 206 tackles over the past two campaigns. He was comfortable filling the starter's role when he stepped in for an injured Mike Gann in Week 6 because the former #1 pick earned a starting spot in his very first training camp in 1984 and continued to get the nod in 79 of 91 NFL games played prior to last season. The versatile performer has now cracked the starting lineup at four separate positions along the defensive line as a Falcon.

Honors

1986: UPI All-NFC

1984: NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (Football Digest)
NFC Defensive Rookie of the Year (USA Today)
NFL All-Rookie by Pro Football Writers Association, UPI

Year-by-Year

1990: He returned from a nerve root injury to help the Falcons' Black Wave defense record the lowest per rush average in the NFL. He performed in every game, while adding five starts to his total, finishing with 69 tackles, 16 QB pressures, a forced fumble and two recovered fumbles.

1989: Unlucky Bryan was second on the team in tackles with 17 after two games but had to go on IR with a spinal nerve root injury.

1988: For the 11th ranked defense in the NFL in points, Rick rang up 120 tackles and five QB sacks from his right end spot. His top games included a 12-tackle, four QB hurry game vs. Dallas, an 11-tackle, one sack game vs. the 49ers and a 10-tackle effort, one-sack in the early season upset of San Francisco.

1987: Rick started the season off with a sack and forced fumble of QB Doug Williams that sparked the team to an upset of the Redskins. After the strike, Rick had a groin pull that sidelined him three weeks and kept him from having a 100-tackle season for the first time in his career (85 in his nine games). He had a personal best 15 tackle game in Week 16 at Detroit.

1986: Rick's 120 tackles, seven QB sacks, and three forced fumbles helped him to an all-NFC pick by the UPI. His top games were a pair of 12 tackle games vs. the Eagles and Rams.

1985: This 100-tackle season featured one of his best career games vs. Kansas City when he had 10 tackles, made 2.5 QB sacks for −21 yards, and forced two fumbles. He finished with a personal best 7.5 sacks despite a stomach muscle pull that hindered him.

1984: A 125-tackle season earned him numerous all-Rookie honors. He also had four QB sacks and a QB safety.

Notebook

Rick's return from an 1989 injury, which caused weakness and numbness in his right arm and shoulder, was a welcome sight to Falcon coaches. This battler from tiny Coweta, Oklahoma went from 185 bench press when he was injured to 375 pounds with increased strength. Bryan's relentless work ethic and determination were noticed and appreciated by his third new coaching staff in the summer of 1990. He enjoys being pushed for a job in the always competitive Glanville training camps. "I want some pushing," he said. "It'll be good for me." The former NFL Rookie

of the Year scored points with his first tackle when he sacked QB Richard Todd of the Saints in the endzone for a safety. After scoring on a safety and on a PAT conversion in his career, he completed the cycle with a 56-yard fumble return TD in the preseason at New England in '90. It was the first time he scored six points since he played tight end at Coweta High School. Bryan and Glanville first met each other at the '84 Senior Bowl. "He thought I was crazy and I thought he was the best player on the field," said Glanville.

College

Rick and Scott Case were teammates on the same Oklahoma squads which also featured a senior class of Jackie Shipp, Thomas Benson and Bob Slater, who were all top NFL draft picks. He passed the celebrated Selmon brothers tandem to become the school record holder for a defensive lineman with 352 tackles. Other soon-to-be Oklahoma stars who watched Bryan dominate opponents included sophomore Tony Casillas and red-shirt freshman Brian Bosworth. The two-time Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year and All-America selection boasted three straight years with over 100 tackles. A standout in the classroom as well, Rick was chosen to the all conference academic team three times for his work in Business Administration.

Personal

An original country boy from Wagoner, Oklahoma, Rick keeps his body in shape for football season by working on his 80-acre farm in Coweta and playing some church league basketball. He hails from a football family as brothers, Mitch and Steve, played at Oklahoma and were NFL draftees. Bryan's leisure time is filled up with fishing or hunting expeditions and he feels more comfortable in jeans and boots. He did cause quite a stir at the Falcons Starlight Foundation fashion show for charity when he donned a tuxedo. He is a self-proclaimed John Wayne fan and his love for country music was enhanced when he had a chance to meet the legendary George Jones at a Falcon game last season. Rick and his wife, Shelby, have two children, Kristin Nicole, 6, and Michael Don, 5.

Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Team	Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR	Safety
1984	16/16	Atl.	125	78	47	4.0	24	0	0	1
1985	16/16	Atl.	100	64	36	7.5	32	2	0	0
1986	16/16	Atl.	120	70	50	7.0	31	3	0	0
1987	9/9	Atl.	85	43	42	2.0	12	1	1	0
1988	16/15	Atl.	120	80	40	5.0	19	1	1	0
1989	2/2	Atl.	17	9	8	1.0	1	0	0	0
1990	16/5	Atl.	69	31	38	1.0	16	1	2	0
1991	16/12	Atl.	131	63	68	3.0	27	2	0	0
Totals:	107/91	Atl.	767	438	329	30.5	162	10	4	1
Playoff Totals:										
1991	2/2	Atl.	17	6	11	0	4	0	0	0

Bryan's Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	FF	Safety
15 Detroit (12-27-87) 15 Saints (11-24-91) 13 Cin. (11-15-87) 12 Ten Times	2.5 Minn. (12-15-85) 2 Seattle (12-15-91) 1.5 K.C. (12-8-85)	2 Minn. (12-15-85)	1 at N.O. (9-2-84)

Florida State
12th Year
Ht.: 5'11"
Wt.: 175
Born: 5-28-59

Acquisition: 1st Round, 25th overall, 1981 Draft

Bobby
BUTLER
CORNERBACK
23

Last Season

Bobby Butler will defend the Falcons secondary for his 12th season. The crafty veteran started a pair of games a year ago, while performing in 15 overall contests, plus the two Playoff affairs. The situational player was constantly on the field on passing downs in '91, finishing with 28 tackles, 5 passes defensed, a recovered fumble, and four QB pressures. He picked up his 9th fumble of his career and returned it 39 yards to stop a Chiefs drive in the season opener at Kansas City. In the four wide receiver sets employed by most teams, Butler will be counted on to provide stability in the secondary again in '92.

Pro Career

Butler has been a force in the birds' nest since 1981 and has seen action in 154 games in a Falcon's uniform. With two more games played in 1992, Bobby will surpass Jim Mitchell and Greg Brezina into third place on the club's all-time list. His 126 total starts are the fifth-most ever, one behind Claude Humphrey, and seven behind Tommy Nobis. In his Falcon's career, he has crossed the goal line via interception return (Dallas in 1986), fumble return (Dallas in 1989), and by blocked punt (S.F. in 1990). Bobby's 27 lifetime thefts are good enough for fourth place all time on the Falcon record books. His two interceptions in a game against New Orleans in 1984 tied a club record.

Year-By-Year

1990: The Falcons were 2-2 in games that Butler started at the end of the year, finishing with 36 tackles, team tying three pickoffs, 10 passes defensed and a pair of fumble recoveries. He returned both a blocked punt (S.F. for 35 yards) and fumble (Hou. in endzone) for touchdowns.

1989: His highlights included returning a Herschel Walker fumble 29-yards for a TD in a victory over the Cowboys and pacing the team in passes defensed with 15, while playing in all 16 games for a third straight season. He started 11 contests at LCB but gave way to rookie Deion Sanders before returning to the lineup after an injury to Scott Case.

1988: On a defense that ranked 4th in the NFL in interceptions, Bobby had a streak of 12 consecutive games with a pass deflection. This secondary also went a stretch of 17 consecutive quarters without a TD pass allowed. Bobby also had an interception, two fumble recoveries, and a forced fumble.

1987: In the 12 games, he led the team with four interceptions and was second with 30 passes defensed. Three of his four interceptions were against playoff teams (Wash., Minn., and Hous.) with the 4th against Boomer and the Bengals.

1986: A potential Pro Bowl season with the 5-1-1 Falcons ended dreadfully for Bobby with a fractured right leg in a game with the 49ers when a pile fell on him and caused the fibula fracture and the need for screws in his ankle joint.

1985: His team best five interceptions equalled his personal high, while also having a team high 21 passes defensed, and a personal career best 78 tackles.

1984: In Week 1, Bobby pulled off his two-interception game in a win at New Orleans. He missed a Week 4 game with a sprained ankle, the only other time in his career he missed a game.

1983: Three of his four interceptions came in the end zone, while he also rang up 75 tackles in playing all 16 games.

1982: The club's last playoff season saw Bobby lead the team in interceptions and passes defensed.

1981: Rookie Bobby caught the NFL's attention with his five interceptions for 86 yards, plus a game-saving theft in the end zone in a win over Houston. His secondary coach and defensive mentor then is now head coach, Jerry Glanville.

Notebook

Bobby had to wait nine years, but he enjoyed competing in the Playoffs for the second time of his career in '91. He was a member of the birds' last post season team in '82. Butler toughed it out and played through a bad case of the flu in the Falcons first encounter at the Superdome. He is kin to another former Falcon, Jim "Cannonball" Butler, who played in Atlanta from '68-'71. Bobby is personal friends with heavyweight champion and Atlanta native Evander Holyfield. He has always taken a special interest in the community in his 12 years. He's donated money to the Harvest House and other charities through his on-field achievements. Butler is involved in the Fellowship of Christian athletes, coordinates the team's weekly Bible study classes during the season, and hosts a radio show on WAEC AM 86. The former FSU star once learned the ins-and-outs of a Domino's Pizza store as a manager trainee and was able to pass the test of making two pizzas in less than 45 seconds.

College Career

His reputation at Florida State was underscored when they would refer to Deion Sanders as . . . "the next coming of Bobby Butler." He was also once dubbed "the best cornerback in America" by ex-Pitt coach Jackie Sherrill, which led a lot of offenses to throw to the opposite side. Bobby's college highlights included shutting out Florida All-American WR Cris Collinsworth and setting a school record with seven blocked kicks, including one against Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl and one in the Tangerine Bowl. A sprinter on the track team, he was timed at 9.3 in the 100 and helped the Seminole relay team to a third placing showing at the NCAA Track Championships.

Personal

A stalwart athlete in football and track at Atlantic High School in Delray Beach, FL, Robert Calvin played quarterback and safety as a prepster. He still is a frequent visitor to the sunshine state in the offseason. He met his wife-to-be, Cyrillyn Lawson, in high school and married her before his first NFL training camp. Keeping the Butlers busy are Brenton, 4, and Brice, 2.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Ints.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	FR	TD
1981	Atl.	16/16	49	39	10	5	86	14.1	41	0	0	0
1982	Atl.	9/9	25	19	6	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
1983	Atl.	16/16	75	49	26	4	3	0.8	12	0	1	0
1984	Atl.	15/15	48	38	10	2	25	12.5	25	0	1	0
1985	Atl.	16/16	78	43	25	5	−4	−0.8	0	0	0	0
1986	Atl.	7/7	27	12	15	1	33	33.0	33t	1	0	0
1987	Atl.	12/12	31	22	9	4	48	12.0	31	0	0	0
1988	Atl.	16/16	45	31	14	1	22	22.0	22	0	3	0
1989	Atl.	16/11	36	23	13	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1
1990	Atl.	16/6	36	26	10	3	0	0.0	0	0	2	2
1991	Atl.	15/2	28	22	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals		154/126	478	324	144	27	213	7.9	41	1	9	3
Playoff Totals:												
1982	Atl.	1/1	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991	Atl.	2/0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		3/2	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Butler's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	TD
8 at Sea. (10-13-85) 8 Minn. (9-8-91) 7 at S.F. (9-15-86) 7 at S.F. (12-4-88)	*2 at N.O. (9-2-84) 1 25 times *ties club record	41 at N.O. (11-1-81) 33t at Dall. (9-21-86)	1 at Dall. (9-21-86)

Oklahoma
9th Year
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 188
Born: 5-17-62

Acquisition: 2nd Round, 32nd overall, 1984 Draft

Scott
CASE
SAFETY
25

Last Season

Once again, Scott Case was the physical presence in the Falcons secondary, collecting a bone-rattling 162 tackles, second-best on team charts. The 162 stops were only eight tackles off his career-high of 170 in 1990. He also ended up with a pair of interceptions, 11 passes defensed,

2 fumble recoveries, and 6 QB pressures. His hard-hitting hit parade included: a 16 tackle, one pickoff game vs. Saints, 16 stops vs. Packers, a 13 tackle effort, with a theft and 2 QB pressures vs. 49ers, 13 more stops against the Cardinals, and four other 12 tackle games. His big game against New Orleans came on national TV at the Superdome and included a perfectly-timed interception, stepping in front of Eric Martin to snuff out a Saints drive at the Falcons 33-yard line in the second quarter. Not included in Case's totals are the numerous amount of times that he intimidates a wide receiver or running back into dropping a pass when he's in the area.

Pro Career

Case's numbers over the past two seasons speak volumes about his value in the Falcons defense. He has accumulated 332 tackles since being moved back to safety for the '90 campaign. Scott was selected as a safety, but was moved to cornerback, then free safety and finally strong safety. He earned a spot on the '88 NFC Pro Bowl team and was named an All-Pro by leading the NFL in thefts with 10 from his cornerback position. It marked the first time a Falcon DB was voted to the post season all-star game since Rolland Lawrence in 1977. He showed his versatility last year by actually playing some cornerback because of injuries against the Seahawks four wide out attack. Scott is in fifth place on the club's ledgers for career interceptions with 26.

Honors

1990 NFC Def. Player of Week (Rams - Week 16)
1988: NFL Pro Bowl
UPI All-NFC (first team)
AP All-Pro (second team)
100% Wrong Club, NFL Defensive Back of the Year
NFC Defensive Player of the Month (November)

Year-By-Year

1990: Case switched back to S and had a career-high 170 tackles, which was 6th in the entire League. He was called the NFC Def. Player of the Week on the heels of his first interception TD off Jim Everett on the third play of the game in an eventual Falcon victory in Week 16. He had eight games of 10 or more stops, with a high of 15 vs. Dallas, including two sacks. Against the Bears, he had 11 tackles, a blocked punt which led to a TD, a tackle of the punter, and a pickoff.

1989: Scott stretched a ligament in his right foot in Week 6 versus the Patriots and then sprained his left knee the next week against the Cardinals which limited his play. Because of the injuries he ended with a career-low 38 tackles, two interceptions and 11 passes defensed in seven starts and 14 games.

1988: His 10 interceptions led the NFL and set a new Falcon club record as he became the only Falcon DB of the 1980's voted into the Pro Bowl. He also led the team with 19 passes defensed and led the secondary with 65 tackles. He was the NFC Defensive Player for the month of Nov. with five interceptions, 20 tackles, and a forced fumble. Scott missed all of training camp in his contract negotiations and did not start the season opener. He started off his run of interceptions in Week 3 covering Jerry Rice of the 49ers and then had two games with two interceptions (Week 10 - Green Bay and Week 13 - Tampa Bay). His play helped the secondary go 17 consecutive quarters without a TD pass.

1987: A tough physical season for Scott, he overcame a shoulder sprain in the preseason finale, later a sprained neck and then a sprained ankle. He still played in 11 of 12 games and led the team with 36 passes defensed.

1986: As the defense ranked sixth in the NFL, Scott did his part with five interceptions, 69 tackles and a team-high 41 passes defensed. He had an endzone interception vs. Miami to save an upset win and earned his first NFL ejection when he got into a fight in the Tampa Bay game.

1985: Filling in at both strong and free safety, Scott led the secondary with 95 tackles (still his personal best), had four interceptions for 78 return yards, and had four games with 10 or more tackles.

1984: In 16 games as a rookie, Scott had 42 tackles. He scored two points for the Falcons in Week 5 vs. San Francisco when he knocked punter Max Runager out of the endzone for the safety. He also had a 13-tackle game vs. Cincinnati.

Notebook

An article in the August 1991 *Sports Magazine* entitled "Heavy Hitters from Hell" gave Case the nickname of "The Human Destroyer." It said Scott . . . "inducted a distinguished star each week into the ERHPC (Ear Ringing Head Pounding Club). Case is either the NFL's fiercest player or its nastiest, depending on who you listen to." Coach Glanville backed up this hard-hitting safety's new moniker by saying . . . "Scott plays hurt, plays hard, and never complains. Just point him at the target, and he destroys it." Former Raider All-Pro Lester Hayes said recently... "Case is a doggone land shark. Any receiver who crosses his path knows he'd better have his jockstrap on tight." Because of his well-known reputation for vicious hits, he can rely on an 'intimidation factor' to sometimes stymie opponents who become more concerned with where he is than where the ball is. "The way he intimidates receivers, he makes it easier for McKyer and Sanders," stated Hayes. "In fact, he is their backbone!" Scott learned his aggressive style of football growing up in Alva, OK. "It's the way I was taught to play football. I was raised that way." He couldn't name his favorite all-time hit because . . . "I love them all," but one does stick out in his mind. In junior college, he once leveled current Buffalo Bill Steve Tasker (Kansas Dodge City Community College) with a devastating blow that left Tasker with "five or six" broken ribs. "The only thing I could think about at the time was trying to get the guy some help . . . and he looks up at me through all the blood and says, 'nice hit'," Case recalled. The 32nd player taken overall in the '84 draft has outlasted all of his counterparts who were drafted before him (Mossy Cade, Leonard Coleman, Don Rogers, Terry Taylor).

College

Scott has always had to put on the hard hat and work his way up the football ladder. After receiving marginal interest from colleges, he attended Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College, where he made a name for himself through his All-America play. Case was thrilled when Oklahoma came calling, so he fulfilled a childhood dream and suited up in the Big Red of the Sooners. He went on to pace the Big Eight and establish a school mark for interceptions in a season with eight (for 181 return yards and a TD) during his senior campaign at safety.

Personal

His personal fan club went beyond just wife, Connie, and children, Kelsey, Kyler, and Kody, last year when a group of fans started the "Scott Case Fan Club," which had a big banner made up and held tailgate parties at home games for their hero. Case had a tough week 17 last year when his ranch home in Grove, OK (pop. 5,000) was vandalized, then burned to the ground a day later. The personal loss was accentuated when the Falcons dropped a close decision to the Cowboys three days later. At the prep level, he was a running back and roamed the secondary for Alva High and later Edmond H.S. He and his wife are heavily involved in the community with hospital visits, school appearances, and other various fund raisers. Connie will serve her second

term as president of the Player's Wives Association, which works on special community projects like the Special Teams Paint with Special People at Egleston Hospital. For his many community deeds, Scott was chosen as the Falcons' United Way representative and he and his family filmed a TV spot that airs on gamedays. He also dabbles in the business arena as he and ex-Falcon S Tom Pridemore own "Falcon Boat Works" in Tifton, GA. Scott's favorite basketball team is the Celtics and Larry Bird.

Quotes

"He's the leader of a pack of hungry dogs. His idea of a good day is organized mayhem. He gets a kick out of banging heads with guys twice his size, and he has never met an opposition football player he wouldn't love to hit—not just once, but often."

J. Edwin Smith, Columnist
The Daily News

"They talk about defensive backs with a linebacker's mentality. Well, this guy has a nose guard's mentality."

Former Raiders All-Pro CB Lester Hayes

"During the week before a game, I envision myself making big hits on every play."

S Scott Case

Career Statistics

			Tackles			Interceptions				Fumbles	
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Asst.	Int.	Yards	LG	TD	FF	FR
1984	Atl.	16/0	42	28	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985	Atl.	14/13	95	58	37	4	78	47	0	1	0
1986	Atl.	16/15	69	42	27	4	41	41	0	0	0
1987	Atl.	11/10	52	41	11	1	12	12	0	0	0
1988	Atl.	16/15	65	34	31	10	47	12	0	1	0
1989	Atl.	14/7	38	27	11	2	13	13	0	0	0
1990	Atl.	16/16	170	78	92	3	38	36t	1	1	2
1991	Atl.	16/16	162	68	94	2	23	17	0	0	2
Totals		119/92	693	376	317	26	252	47	1	3	4
Playoff Totals:											
1991	Atl.	2/2	16	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

Case's Personal Bests

Tackles	Interceptions	Long	Safety
23 at Rams (10-21-90) 16 G.B. (12-1-91) N.O. (11-24-91) 14 N.O. (10-7-90) at SF (9-23-90)	2 G.B. (11-6-88) T.B. (11-27-88) 1 22 times	47 at Dal (10-27-85) 41 at Det (12-21-86) 36 Rams (12-23-90) 31 Denver (9-22-86)	1 S.F. (9-30-84)

Shawn
COLLINS
WIDE RECEIVER
85

Northern Arizona
4th Year
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 207
Born: 2-20-67

Acquisition: 1st Round, 27th overall, 1989 Draft

Last Season

Collins experienced a discouraging third season as he caught only three passes for 37 yards in three games played. His year was ended early with a hamstring injury that forced him on Injured Reserve for the rest of '91 in Week 8.

Pro Career

Shawn topped the rookie receiving charts in 1989 with 58 receptions for 862 yards to outdistance former Colts sensation and current teammate Andre Rison. Collins' marks broke Floyd Dixon's rookie mark of 42 receptions by wide receiver and Ken Burrow's rookie yardage record of 741. He established a career-high with 126 yards against Green Bay and had six catches on three different occasions, including a team-leading six receptions for 76 yards in his first pro game and start against the Rams in the opener. Collins ended up third on the team with 34 catches in '90 for 503 yards, second-most on Falcons, with two scores. He caught a pass in 14 out of 16 games while playing in every contest. Shawn's top game was a five-catch, 93-yard effort vs. the Saints which included an over the shoulder 7-yard touchdown grab over CB Milton Mack that made the team's highlight film. He hauled in a career-best 61-yard catch at the Niners as he averaged 23.3 yards on four grabs. It took the Northern Arizona product only 20 games to reach 1,000 receiving yards.

Notebook

The highest draft pick taken by a player from the Big Sky conference since 1974 (when Falcon defensive line coach Bill Kollar was taken with 27th selection), Shawn was also the first and only player from Arizona's three universities to be chosen on the first day of the 1989 draft. Collins received his NFL education through Uncles Willie and Melvin Buchanan. Both played in the League after careers at San Diego State. Willie performed in three Pro Bowls in his 10 years in the NFL so Shawn's ears were always ringing with plenty of stories. Collins' football career began slowly in the 10th grade because he was busy bringing home 'B' grades instead of practicing football. His pre-football days even included playing the bass fiddle in the junior high school band.

College

The unheralded Collins worked on his game and his frame to become the most prolific pass catcher in school history and the top TD producer ever in the Big Sky conference. He finished with 201 receptions for 2,674 yards and 24 six-pointers to eclipse ex-NFL receiver Pete

Mandley's marks. Shawn's 70 aerials for 1,016 yards as a sophomore were single season school marks as well. The two-time All-America choice totaled 191 receiving yards in a game as a senior and enjoyed two, four-touchdown affairs, and three, 10 reception outings in his career at the Flagstaff, AZ school. Shawn only weighed 165 pounds and stood 5-11 in high school but hit the weights hard and let nature do the rest. He actually played a "flexed" tight end position, or as an inside wideout, as a 6-2, 207 pound Lumberjack, so he is used to dishing out punishment. Collins is proud to have played at the only school that offered him a scholarship as he lined up alongside Falcon Michael Haynes.

Personal

Collins was a west coast baby as he was born in Los Angeles to Dorothy Buchanon. At the age of seven, his family relocated to San Diego. The father figure of the house located in the tough Linda Vista area of San Diego was Uncle Melvin Buchanon. Shawn's life took a tragic turn in only 12 hours when his father, Charles Collins, passed away of a kidney disorder, and Melvin lost a struggle with cancer. Dorothy was the most influential person in Collins life. She has never given up despite losing her warehouse job due to a degenerative disk problem that confines her to a wheelchair today. Shawn's exploits on the gridiron included playing quarterback for Kearny High School. He threw 12 TD's during his last prep campaign and competed in three state playoffs contests. The psychology major at NAU was a big fan of the Redskin WR Art Monk as a youngster. The amiable Collins helps counsel children in San Diego in the offseason and enjoys fishing.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1989	Atl.	16/16	58	862	14.9	47	3
1990	Atl.	16/6	34	503	14.8	61	2
1991	Atl.	3/0	3	37	12.3	21	0
Total		35/22	95	1402	14.8	61	5

SUPER BOWL HEADING TO ATLANTA IN '94

Atlanta will be the site of the most significant sporting event of 1994 as Super Bowl XXVIII heads to the 'New South' in January. Falcons owner Rankin Smith was instrumental in landing the NFL's annual showpiece to the city of Atlanta for the first time. The League's highest-profile game will be at the club's newest home, the spectacular Georgia Dome. NFL Properties designed the official 1994 Super Bowl XXVIII logo.

Jackson State
3rd Year
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 245
Born: 9-28-67

Acquisition: 2nd Round, 27th overall, 1990 Draft

Darion
CONNER
LINEBACKER
56

Last Season

Darion continued his NFL seasoning in his second year by finishing second among linebackers and sixth overall on the club with his career-best 105 tackles. He also added 3 QB sacks, 14 QB pressures, a pair of forced fumbles and one recovered fumble to his ledger. The '91 campaign also brought a blowout fracture of his right eye against the Raiders in Week 4, which didn't require surgery, but forced him to miss the Saints game the next week. His best games came against the Chiefs (12 tackles), Chargers and Cardinals (11 stops), and the Packers (2 QB sacks). Conner started 14 games for the birds in his sophomore season.

Pro Career

Conner has now started 24 of 31 games played in his NFL career. He grew stronger as he learned the Falcons' system as the season progressed as a rookie, ending up with 58 of his 83 tackles in the final eight games. His 36 QB pressures attest to his ability to harass the quarterback. The former Jackson State standout's top game as a pro came at Cleveland when he collared 8 solo stops and 15 total tackles, while dumping Berne Kosar once and registering 3 other pressures. A force on special teams, he has collected 19 tackles and a forced fumble in two seasons.

Year-by-Year

1990: His strong bid to become the NFL's leading rookie tackler was stopped just short due to a sprained knee suffered in the season finale against the Cowboys. His total of 83 stops were the third highest total among all linebackers, ahead of such notable #1 picks as James Francis, Percy Snow and Lamar Lathon.

Notebook

Darion matured from an 198 pounder as a freshman to a muscular specimen at 256 pounds as an All-American senior. He was teased by teammates when he arrived at the Jackson, MS campus who called him, "Beanie Weenie." As he hit the weight room and gained extra pounds by eating peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, cookies, cake and Snickers bars, the teasing quickly stopped. Conner keeps the memory of his brother foremost in his daily thoughts. Casey, a freshman linebacker for Jackson State, was killed in a car crash, as well as two other players, just six days before he was drafted. "He's with me and will be a part of me for the rest of my life," Darion said. As a rookie, he missed the team charter to Detroit because of a car accident, but made amends by taking the next plane out and arriving in time for the team meeting.

College

The SWAC Defensive Player of the Year totaled 317 tackles (197 solos), 22.5 QB sacks and 37 stops for losses of 255 yards as he guided the Tigers to a 33-11-3 record and three appearances in the playoffs during his productive career. A Kodak All-America as a senior, Darion enjoyed his finest season with a career-best 130 tackles (15 for losses) and 12.5 sacks, two interceptions, and 14 deflected passes to catch the attention of NFL scouts. The Jackson, MS school captured two SWAC titles with Conner performing the linebacking chores and was named all-conference three times. He had a 14 tackle, two sack day against Texas Southern, a 13 tackle, 2.5 sack effort versus Southern, and 13 stops (five for losses) and a sack in a game with Alabama State.

Personal

Darion is one of 10 children born to the religious family of Isom and Annette Conner in Macon, MS. His heritage has been associated with the farmland in Noxubee County for some 60 years. He was taught the virtues of "respect, honesty, and humility" from his parents. His strong work ethic can be traced to his diligent toil in the fields in the stifling Mississippi summers as a youngster. He decided after only one day that maybe football wasn't in his future as a seventh grader, but once his mother found out that he had quit something, she made him return the very next day, and he hasn't regretted it. After he starred at Noxubee County High in football, basketball and track, he followed a long line of JSU players who've gone on to the pro's such as Walter Payton, Lem Barney, Coy Bacon, Harold Jackson, Richard Caster, Verlon Biggs, and Robert Brazile. Darion played alongside Falcon teammate Houston Hoover for two years for the Tigers.

Career Statistics

			TACKLES						
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR
1990	Atl.	16/ 7	83	37	46	2-21	22	0	0
1991	Atl.	15/14	105	44	61	3	14	2	1
Totals:	31/21		188	81	107	5	36	2	1
Playoff Totals:									
1991	2/0	Atl.	3	1	2	0	2	0	0

Conner's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Pressures	FF
15 at Clev (12-16-90) 12 at K.C. (9-1-91) 11 Phoe (12-9-90) at Chi (11-11-90) at Pho. (10-20-91) at S.D. (9-15-91)	2 G.B. (12-1-91) 1 at Clev. (12-16-90) SF (10-14-90) Seattle (12-15-91)	6 Rams (12-23-90) 3 Six times	1 G.B. (12-1-91) Seattle (12-15-91)

Colorado
9th Year
Ht.: 6'0"
Wt.: 190
Born: 4-19-62

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, April 1, 1991

Jeff
DONALDSON
SAFETY
42

Last Season

In his first season in Atlanta, Donaldson played the role of a situational defender and special teams leader. Jeff performed in all 16 games as a nickel back, finishing with 47 tackles, a QB sack, and a forced fumble. He was also sixth on the club in special teams stops with 13. His best effort was a team-high 10 tackle outing against the Rams in Week 15 and his forced fumble resulted in a safety against the Buccaneers in Week 12. Donaldson also added six tackles versus the Redskins in Week 11 and five stops, with a sack, in the victory over the Bucs.

Pro Career

Jeff was one of Jerry Glanville's head-bangers in the House of Pain defense in Houston from 1984-89. He collared 446 tackles for the Oilers in 90 games with 9 thefts and 6 recovered fumbles, while establishing a hard-hitting reputation. He moved on to the Chiefs in Plan B in '90 and picked off three passes in another Playoff season. Donaldson has two career multiple-interception games to his credit and he led the Oiler defensive backs in tackles for three straight years (1986-88).

Year-by-Year

1990: Signed as a Plan B free agent by the Chiefs, he started nine games at safety, while playing in all 16. He was second on the club with his three interceptions as he totaled 52 tackles on the year.

1989: A starter in 14 contests, he totaled 62 tackles, one forced fumble and seven passes defensed.

1988: Donaldson logged time in all 16 games at free safety and once again was the leader in the secondary with 87 stops while being tops in interceptions with four and adding 14 passes defensed and a fumble recovery.

1987: He started all 12 non-strike games, finishing third on the team with 95 tackles and tops among DB's. Established a personal-high with 16 tackles vs Browns.

1986: Jeff started seven games in place of Bo Eason and led the secondary for the first time with a solid 110 tackles. He picked off his first NFL pass, plus returned a Todd Blackledge fumble one yard for a score.

1985: Registered 50 tackles, two sacks, two fumble recoveries, and even ran back six punts for a 5.8 average and five KOR's for 18.6 average. He also led the special teams with 20 tackles.

1984: As a rookie he appeared in 16 games with two starts while producing 42 tackles on the year, including 10 vs Cleveland.

Notebook

The former 9th round draft selection was a natural choice to follow Glanville to Atlanta because he spearheaded the Oilers defense ever since Glanville was the Defensive Coordinator in 1984. Jeff enjoyed his fifth Playoff season out of his eight years in the League with the Falcons advancing to the post season last year. Donaldson's punishing hitting was one of the reasons for the "House of Pain" label in Houston. His off the field demeanor belies his intensity on the gridiron as he carries an unassuming and soft-spoken attitude in his everyday life. The devout family man was the focus of Houston's United Way commercial in 1988. Jeff is also busy running his own express auto oil changing business that he started in 1988.

College

A defender and punt returner at Colorado, Jeff recorded 158 tackles in his last two seasons as a Buffaloe to lead all DB's. He also had nine career thefts and fielded 30 punts for 270 yards and a 9.0 average (with a long of 58). His senior campaign saw him pick off four passes, including running one back 44 yards for a score, and collect a secondary-high of 79 tackles. As a sophomore, the real estate major collared 83 tackles.

Personal

A native of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Jeffrey Michael was a standout for Ft. Collins High School in football, track and basketball. He enjoys the outdoors and is an avid hunter and fisherman. One of his other loves is spending his spare time surrounded by wife, Heidi, and children, Samantha and Zachary. A big country music fan, Jeff met the legendary George Jones at a Falcons game last year and also went back stage to meet Travis Tritt at a concert.

Career Statistics

			Tackles							Int.			
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Assist	FF	FR	TD	No.	Yds.	LG	PD	Sacks
1984	Houston	16/2	42	23	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
1985	Houston	16/0	50	37	13	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	2
1986	Houston	16/7	110	58	52	0	2	1	1	0	0	5	1
1987	Houston	12/12	95	52	43	1	1	0	4	16	9	16	1
1988	Houston	16/16	87	53	34	0	1	0	4	29	23	14	0
1989	Houston	14/14	62	35	27	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
1990	K.C.	16/9	52	27	25	0	0	0	3	28	14	2	0
1991	Atl.	16/0	47	23	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals		122/60	545	308	237	4	6	1	12	73	23	56	5
Playoff Totals:													
1987	Houston	2/2	12	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1988	Houston	2/2	14	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1989	Houston	1/1	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1990	K.C.	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991	Atl.	2/0	10	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		8/5	40	24	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Donaldson's Personal Bests		
Tackles	Int	TD
16 Clev (11-22-87) 15 Pitt (11-16-86) Clev (11-30-86)	2 Cin (10-23-88) Pitt (12-20-87)	1 1-yd fumble ret K.C. (9-21-86)

Florida State
7th Year
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 285
Born: 6-14-64

Acquisition: Free Agent, May 2, 1986

Jamie
DUKES
CENTER
64

Last Season

The 1991 season was another steady performance for Jamie Dukes. He started all 16 games despite playing through a shoulder injury as he helped his battery mate, QB Chris Miller, to his first Pro Bowl and WR Andre Rison to his second all-star appearance. His adept blocking enabled the birds to score 361 points, fifth-best in the NFL, while throwing 30 passing touchdowns, second in the League. With Dukes maintaining the toehold of the line, the birds' running game averaged 4.1 yards per carry, 5th highest in the NFC, and the passing game hit for over 200 yards 11 times, while going over 300 yards in total offense on 11 other occasions. The team's 3,449 yards through the air was the 4th best mark ever and the 31 QB sacks in 531 passing attempts was the lowest ever. Jamie's commanding presence in the Falcon trenches is more than physical as he fulfills the role of "signal-caller" among the linemen.

Pro Career

Since cracking the lineup in 1989, consistent Jamie has run his games started streak to 48. This successful streak is even more impressive when you consider how demanding the physical pounding is in the NFL front lines each week. In addition, the busy Dukes plays on certain special teams units to boot. In his tenure in Atlanta, Dukes has logged time at three different line positions (left guard, right guard and center) and even a stint as a blocking tight end in the backfield in short yardage situations. He also has been credited with one kickoff return for 13 yards.

Notebook

Part of his NFL success can be traced to his long 37-1/2 inch reach which allows him a leverage advantage to neutralize bigger opponents. He had an uphill battle to climb the NFL ladder because he wasn't drafted by any club despite a heralded career at Florida State. He signed a free agent contract with Atlanta and made the team as a back-up. Ironically, he had never played center in a game at any level until he took over the position when the Falcons faced the Raiders three years ago at the LA Coliseum. The spot wasn't totally new to Dukes because the Falcons had experimented with him at that position in the previous two training camps. It's no coincidence that the Falcons have improved in categories such as total offense, points scored, TD's scored, and passing and rushing offense in each season since Dukes became a stabilizing force in the starting lineup over the past three years. He now has started every game at center for three straight seasons.

College

FSU Head Coach Bobby Bowden called Dukes "the best offensive lineman in school history." He started more games (48) than any other Seminole offensive lineman and was a first-team All-America selection by three publications as a senior. His four-year standout career included three bowl victories (Gator, Peach and Gator) and one tie (Georgia in Citrus). Jamie faced NFLers Alphonso Carreker, Gerald Nichols and Eric Hayes in practice everyday and roomed with Sammie Smith of the Dolphins. He separated his shoulder once, missing the second half of a game, but returned the next week.

Personal

Jamie Donnell hails from a family of three kids from Schnectady, NY. He received most of his athletic tutoring after the family packed up and moved to Orlando, FL when he was 12 years old. He captured Orange County Player of the Year honors as a senior at Maynard Evans High School. A hoops junkie, Jamie runs the Falcons' offseason basketball team and will "run the floor" whenever he's not taking on the plush golf courses of Atlanta. He was on the winning basketball team at the Prime Time Shoot-Out charity game held on the campus of Georgia Tech. A devout Lakers fan, Dukes is also a regular at Atlanta Hawks games. Jamie and his wife, Lynne, reside in Lilburn, Ga.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 79/57 (2/2): 1986 (14/4), 1987 (5/0), 1988 (12/5), 1989 (16/16), 1990 (16/16), 1991 (16/16) (2/2)

Mr. Smith goes to...Atlanta!

The most popular last name on the Falcons training camp roster in '92 is Smith. Three came through the '92 draft (Chuck, Frankie, Tony), one from the World League (Roland), one was a college free agent (Hosie), while the other was a veteran free agent signing (Sean), for a total of six Smith's. If you count the team owner, Rankin Smith, and the club's president, Taylor Smith, then there will be a grand total of eight Smith's on the Suwanee practice fields at the same time.

Portland State
5th Year
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 195
Born: 7-19-65

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, April 1, 1991

Tracey
EATON
SAFETY
32

Last Season

Tracey was everything the Falcons thought he would be when they signed him as a Plan B free agent. He provided much-needed back-up help in the secondary and was a special teams standout. Eaton ended up with 36 tackles and a forced fumble on defense and was fourth on the squad with 19 special teams tackles. The ex-Portland State star also blocked a punt each vs. the Redskins and Rams, and tackled another punter against the Packers. Tough Tracey played the entire year with a cast on his left arm due to a wrist injury suffered in the opener at Kansas City. The situational safety had a career-high 13 tackles at Dallas in the season finale and seven apiece in both Playoff contests.

Pro Career

The "young" veteran has now participated in 48 League games, counting Playoffs, since breaking into the NFL with the Oilers in '88. He has fought through a series of injuries to prove his toughness. His rookie season was cut short due to a dislocated shoulder, but he rebounded to see action in 16 games in '89, with three starts, making 44 tackles, 12 special teams tackles, three pickoffs and a forced fumble. He stole a pass off Jim Kelly in the playoffs and he had a game-saving theft with 56 seconds remaining vs. the Lions to claim an Oiler win 35-31. He also turned around and made the Bucs James Wilder fumble on the Houston 18-yard line with only 1:18 left to seal a 20-17 victory. His 1990 season in Phoenix was shelved when he had to go under the knife for surgery on his other shoulder after 11 games played.

College

He decided to stay in the west and attend Portland State, which is five hours away from his Medford, Oregon home. Eaton was voted the Western Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year as a senior by guiding the Vikings to the national championship game in Division II. He played his best against the best as he recorded a season-high 13 tackles in the championship game against Troy State. He racked up 221 lifetime tackles, 13 thefts, 10 forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and 29 passes defensed for the Vikes.

Notebook

Tracey plays with a reckless abandon which belies his 6-1, 195 pound frame. In a scrimmage with the Seahawks in Portland, OR last year, Eaton hit a Seattle player so hard he bent his own face mask and had to have it replaced before he went back in. In the playoff victory at New Orleans, the fierce hitter both knocked out a Saints receiver, and then promptly knocked himself

out on another vicious shot. Tracey's aggressiveness on the football field could be linked to his roots. His father, Scott, played safety for the New York Giants from 1967-71, picking off 11 passes, after being selected on the eighth round from Oregon State. With his blonde hair, blue eyes and quiet demeanor off the field, Tracey carries around the "all-American boy next door" look.

Personal

A west coast kid from birth, Eaton was a star at Medford (OR) High School in football and basketball. He recorded both a three TD receiving game and a three interception outing at his high school located only three hours from California. Through his efforts as a senior, his team held a #1 ranking in the state of Oregon. Tracey is in familiar surroundings with three of his ex-Oiler coaches in Glanville, Shively and Jones on the Falcons staff. His mother, Jocelyn, and sister, Jennifer, still reside in Medford, while his father is a stockbroker living in Seattle. The marketing major from Portland State underwent wrist surgery in the offseason.He and his new bride, Kimberly, reside in Lawrenceville during the season.

Career Statistics

			Tackles			Interceptions					Sp Tms
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Assist	FF	No.	Yds.	LG	TD	No.
1988	Houston	1/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1989	Houston	16/2	44	26	18	1	3	33	20	0	12
1990	Phoenix	11/0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
1991	Atl.	16/0	36	16	20	1	0	0	0	0	19
Totals		44/2	81	43	38	2	3	33	20	0	39
Playoff Totals:											
1988	Houston	2/0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
1989	Houston	10/0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
1991	Atl.	2/0	14	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals:		5/0	17	9	8	1	1	0	0	0	4

Memphis State
3rd Year
Ht.: 6'0"
Wt.: 280
Born: 5-28-67

Acquisition: 8th Round, 195th overall, 1990 Draft

Jory
EPPS
NOSE TACKLE
74

Last Season

Epps started out slow due to injuries suffered in training camp, but rebounded to play in 16 games, with a start, while recording 60 tackles and 1.5 QB sacks. He recovered a big fumble against the Saints in the Superdome with under two minutes left to allow the Falcons offense

to tie the score and pull out the victory in overtime. His other top games came versus the 49ers, with 7 tackles, and the Cardinals and Cowboys, with 6 apiece. He also collected 5 tackles each against the Chiefs, Saints, Rams and Redskins, and blocked a field goal attempt versus the Niners.

Pro Career

He won the starting nose tackle job as a rookie in training camp in 1990 and proceeded to earn All-NFL rookie accolades while being the most productive first-year performer in the League. He also finished with the most tackles by a rookie lineman in three years with his 84 stops. Tory was in the middle as the Falcons led the League in per rush average allowed at 3.3 and was third in yards per game at 84.8. Epps also busted through the line to block three FG's, which was the most by any player, to set a club record.

Notebook

Showing his propensity for blocking kicks, Epps added another rejection to his career list last year against the 49ers. In two years versus the Falcons NFC West rivals, he has blocked three field goals and sacked Joe Montana twice. Proving that he is a quick learner, Tory had never blocked a kick before his recent success. Epps was an eighth round "find" for the Falcons in the 1989 draft. He surprised the coaches and won the starting nose tackle job with a strong camp. Tory has been called "a gamer" by his coaches for his attitude. "Here's a guy with quickness and closing speed, but what he brings to the party is he loves to play," said Glanville. "And it's fun to be around people who love their work."

College

Tory improved every year for the Memphis State Tigers, ending his career with 240 tackles, 24 for losses, and six QB sacks. A blood clot in his shoulder hampered his senior play and made him miss three games but he still battled to make 67 tackles and a pair of sacks. His best season was his junior campaign when he totaled 83 stops (third on team), two sacks, and nine tackles for losses. He saved his best for rival Alabama, where he won AP Defensive Player of the Week kudos for a 10 tackle, pass deflection effort in a 13-10 upset in 1987 and he also hammered the Crimson Tide for a career high 11 tackles in 1989. He played linebacker halfway through his freshman season before being switched to nose guard and becoming a three-year starter.

Personal

Epps' career in football had its beginnings at linebacker where he was an all-conference and all-county selection for Uniontown (PA) High School. The intense competitor earned both defensive player of the year honors and conference MVP awards. He was also a basketball star as a prep, playing the same aggressive game as his hero, Charles Barkley of the 76ers. A big basketball fan as well, Tory attends Atlanta Hawks games whenever he can. His hobbies include weight lifting, where he benches 405 pounds, with a squat of 505 pounds. He gets involved in the Atlanta community whenever he can by visiting hospitals and being active in the Adopt A School program. Tory also competed in the Channel 2 Family to Family Challenge at White Water Park to help out local charities.

Career Statistics

			TACKLES							
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Pressures	FF	FR	BB
1990	Atl.	16/15	84	39	45	3-21	6	0	0	2
1991	Atl.	16/2	60	26	34	1.5	8	0	1	2
Totals:		32/17	144	65	79	4.5	14	0	1	4
Playoff Totals:										
1991	Atl.	2/0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

Epps' Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Pressures	Blocks
9 at Pitt (11-4-90) SF (10-14-90) 7 Four times	1 at TB (12-2-90) SF (10-14-90) at SF (9-23-90) at KC (9-1-91)	3 TB (11-17-91)	2 at SF (9-23-90) 1 Pho (12-9-90) 1 SF (11-3-91)

San Diego State
5th Year
Ht.: 6'3"
Wt.: 235
Born: 7-23-65

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, March 31, 1992

Brett
FARYNIARZ
LINEBACKER
51

Last Season

Brett was a Plan B pick-up from the Division rival LA Rams. Faryniarz (pronounced fair-in-ezz) started eight games for the Rams, while performing in 12 contests, at linebacker and finished with 24 tackles. He also added a pair of special team tackles to his '91 totals. He is expected to compete for playing time at outside linebacker while supplying the Falcons with special teams help.

Pro Career

The fifth-year pro from San Diego State has played in 58 NFL games over his career and has registered 77 tackles. He appeared in 15 games after making the Rams roster as a free agent in 1988. The rookie spelled an injured Mike Wilcher against the 49ers in Week 7 and recorded a career-high seven tackles (six solo stops). He also registered a sack of Saints QB Bobby Hebert on third down to force a New Orleans field goal. In 1989, he performed as an outside linebacker

and lineman. Brett was tabbed the NFC Defensive Player of the Week for three QB sacks, two recovered fumbles that resulted in touchdowns and six tackles against the Jets. He was named the Rams special teams player of the year with his eight tackles, two fumble recoveries, and one forced fumble. A full-time switch to linebacker resulted in a career-best 23 tackles in '90, with a pair of QB sacks, in 16 games. He also chipped in with five tackles on special teams and one of his two sacks resulted in a Joe Montana fumble which the Rams recovered.

College

Faryniarz holds San Diego State's single season sack record with 13 in 1987. The three-year letterman was the Aztecs' leading tackler as a senior with 106 stops when he was moved from linebacker to defensive end. He started every contest during his last two collegiate seasons and registered 72 tackles as a junior with 3.5 sacks. His top two games were a 14 tackle, three sack effort versus Hawaii and a 12 stop affair with a sack in the Holiday Bowl against Air Force.

Notebook/Personal

Brett Allen will be playing on a different coast for the first time in his football career. A native of Sacramento, Ca., he was a standout at Cordova High in Rancho Cordova, Ca. The two-time All-Metro basketball guard was also a shot putter on the school's track team. After playing college ball at San Diego State and then becoming the only free agent to make the Rams roster in 1988, he will get his first taste of football in the southeast this year.

Career Statistics

			Tackles				Special Teams	
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Assist	Sacks	FR	Tackles
1988	LA	15/0	10	7	3	1	0	7
1989	LA	16/0	20	16	4	3	2	8
1990	LA	16/3	23	23	0	2	0	5
1991	LA	12/7	24	19	5	0	1	2
Totals:		59/10	77	65	12	6	3	22
Playoff Totals:								
1988	LA	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1989	LA	3/0	2	1	1	0	0	0
Totals:		4/0	2	1	1	0	0	0

129! A RECORD

Throughout the course of the NFL history, many records have been set and many marks broken, but one that will remain in the minds of many Falcons is from the season of 1977. With defensive coaches named Glanville and Shively and players nicknamed the Grits Blitz, the Atlanta Falcons defense permitted their opponents to score only 129 points. That is the lowest total ever recorded in a 14-game season. With the regular season schedule having 16 games for each team, this record will forever stand atop of the NFL record books for fewest points allowed in a 14-game season.

Washington State
5th Year
Ht.: 6'3"
Wt.: 235
Born: 11-1-63

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, March 31, 1992

Brian
FORDE
LINEBACKER
53

Last Season

Brian Forde was another Plan B signee from an NFC Western Division foe as he came over from the New Orleans Saints. Forde had the unenviable task of playing behind three Pro Bowl players in Swilling, Jackson and Mills. As in every other previous season, Forde played in all 16 games for the Saints, including the Playoff encounter with the Falcons. Brian is looking forward to coming into his own as he vies for playing time without having to look over his shoulders at a quartet of Pro Bowl performers.

Pro Career

Forde has never missed an NFL contest in his career and ran his games played total to 64, with another 16 games on the turf a year ago. He has also performed in every Saints Playoff game. Brian has backed-up Pro Bowler Rickey Jackson at outside linebacker since coming into the League in 1988. He has developed into a consistent performer on special teams during his tenure in the League. He was fourth on the club in special teams tackles with seven stops in '90. He had a pair of tackles vs. Lions, including a recovered fumble that led to an eventual Saints TD. In 1989, he received his first NFL start at Tampa Bay after Jackson was involved in an automobile accident and responded with 8 solo tackles. He continued his stellar play on 'teams,' collaring 8 stops, with a blocked punt for a safety, and fumble recovery. As a rookie, he filled in for Pat Swilling vs. Cowboys and registered a big tackle of QB Steve Pelleur as the Saints prevailed 20-17.

College

Busy Brian worked himself into an NFL draft choice by being a three-year starter for the Cougars of Washington State. During his senior campaign, he totaled 10 tackles or more on six different occasions. He established a Cougar record by collaring 28 tackles against California as a sophomore. Incidentally, the 28 stops came in his first collegiate start. Before his career was over on the Pullman, Wa. campus, he would end up second on the all-time list for tackles with 423, behind only Lee Blakeney (524). He had the most stops in a single season by any Washington State player with 157 in '86 and holds the school mark for lifetime solo tackles with 255.

Notebook/Personal

A product of Montreal, Canada, he played football at Champlain Regional College Prep School after a two year stint with the city of Montreal high school team. In 1983, he competed on the

Junior Concordes at the age of 20 in a league for Canadian players from the ages of 18-22. Brian and Steve Broussard were college teammates for two seasons under Dennis Erickson and played alongside Cardinals QB Timm Rosenbach. He and his wife, Tracey, reside in Pullman in the offseason. He was a regular in the club's weight room this offseason.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Assist	FF	FR	Int.
1988	NO	16/0	12	9	3	0	0	0
1989	NO	16/1	20	20	0	0	0	0
1990	NO	16/0	8	8	0	0	0	0
1991	NO	16/0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		64/1	40	37	3	0	0	0
Playoff Totals:								
1990	NO	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991	NO	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:		2/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

San Diego State
2nd Year
Ht.: 6'5"
Wt.: 285
Born: 2-26-67

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, March 31, 1992

Roman
FORTIN
GUARD
65

Last Season

The Falcons were looking for a versatile lineman and found one in the Plan B free agent market in Roman Fortin. Fortin played in all 16 games for the Detroit Lions in '91 and both Playoff contests. He's able to line up anywhere in the trenches, even tight end, as evidenced by his one reception for four yards. The strong 6-5, 285 pounder also has some long snapping experience in his background.

Pro Career

Roman's rookie season was spent on Injured Reserve and his first taste of pro ball came last year. He picked a good year to return as he saw the Lions advance all the way to the NFC Championship game.

College

Fortin's college career included a stretch where he started 29 straight games for the Aztecs of San Diego State. During the streak, he logged time at tackle, guard and tight end. As a senior, he manned the line that helped San Diego State establish a school mark with 5,610 yards of total offense. The All-WAC honoree recorded six pancake blocks as the Aztec offense rambled for 659 yards in a 38-27 defeat of Utah.

Notebook/Personal

The good-natured Fortin hit the books as much as he hit opponents as he was voted to the All-WAC conference academic team. He was heavily recruited by Oregon State as a quarterback, but transferred to San Diego State in '86. His Aztec career began as tight end, but he was switched to tackle for the scout team and he showed the coaches his future was on the line. The accounting major was a three-year starter at quarterback for Ventura (CA) High School.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 1991, 16/0 **Playoffs:** 1991, 2/0

Pittsburgh
8th Year
Ht.: 6'5"
Wt.: 280
Born: 10-31-62

Acquisition: 1st Round, 2nd overall, 1985 Draft

Bill
FRALIC
GUARD
79

Last Season

Fralic's seventh season in Atlanta was a mixture of good and bad. He started the first 10 games of the year, but an elbow injury placed him on Injured Reserve for four weeks. He bypassed having season ending surgery and worked diligently to rehab the elbow. Bill returned to start the last pair of regular season games and his hard work paid off as he suited up for his first ever Playoff game start of his career in New Orleans. With his help, the Falcons piled up 344 yards of offense to record their first ever road Playoff victory. Fralic's huge presence in the lineup resulted in Steve Broussard's pair of 100-yard rushing days, Michael Haynes' three 100-yard receiving games, and Chris Miller's two 300-yard passing contests, as well as two, 3 TD passing games. His bullish blocking also was responsible for the club's Red Gun offense to total over 300 yards on seven different occasions.

Pro Career

The "Bull" has lived up to his expectations coming out of college by earning four Pro Bowl berths, numerous All-Pro honors, and a spot on the All-NFL team of the decade for the 1980's. He's

the only guard in the League to play in four consecutive Pro Bowls (1986-89). The Sports Illustrated Rookie of the Year was voted to All-NFL Team of the Decade (second team), despite playing in only half the decade. He upped his games played number to 100 by coming back from an elbow injury to start the final two games. Bill was converted from his college tackle position to guard in his initial Falcons training camp because of a contract holdout of R.C. Thielemann. Bill was the highest paid offensive lineman in the NFL, at that time, when he inked his last new deal in 1989.

Honors

1990: All-NFL, Football Digest, AP All-Pro (honorable mention)

Notebook

Bill's outspokenness on the issue of steroids is widely known in the sports field. He was named to a special committee by Commissioner Paul Tagliabue to work with League drug advisor Dr. John Lombardo. Fralic made the first move as a rookie when he called up then Commissioner Pete Rozelle and told him his thoughts on the subject. He spoke to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on May 9, 1989 in Washington, D.C. as part of their investigation of anabolic steroids. One of the most committed players when it comes to conditioning, Bill had surgery on his elbow in the offseason. When he's not working out at the Falcons' complex, he can be found toiling in his insurance company, Bill Fralic Insurance Services, which serves mainly businesses and trucking companies. He is on the NFLPA's drug prevention committee and was quoted heavily in a Sports Illustrated story on his personal fight to stop the spread of the drug. Falcon officials were apprehensive when Fralic decided to participate in Wrestlemania II in Chicago before signing his first football contract. The novice wrestler showed his competiveness when he was one of the last 10 people to be tossed out of the ring during a 20-man battle royale, which featured the likes of Hulk Hogan, Big John Stud, Andre "The Giant," and "The Iron Sheikh."

College

Leave it to William P. Fralic, Jr. to get publicity for one of the least noticed positions on the field. The mammoth 6-5, 280 pounder made such an impression that he garnered votes for the Heisman Trophy in both his junior (8th place) and senior campaigns (6th overall). One of the most recognized and celebrated linemen in college football, number 79 was retired at Pittsburgh, along with his locker, to place him among the company of Tony Dorsett, Dan Marino, and Hugh Green. The three time All-American tackle was only the second freshman ever behind Dorsett to start his first game. The bright and introspective Fralic carried a 2.65 GPA in business at Pitt.

Personal

The hard-working, no-nonsense Fralic gets his toughness from being reared in the steel country of Penn Hills, Pa. His father, Bill Sr., fought in the Korean War, so the virtues of discipline were always stressed to his three sons. He even had a sign in his yard that read, "Forget the Dog, Beware the Owner." The first of the athletic Fralics were brothers, Mike and Joe, who attended South Carolina and Marshall, respectively, and played tackle. Bill wasn't the usual kid growing up because he usually was bigger than most kids his age. For example, by the age of only nine years old, big Bill weighed 175 pounds and was 6 feet. He played on the high school football team in the eighth grade after dominating the Little League baseball diamonds as a pitcher. He helped his school capture four state championships and the heavyweight wrestler finished third in the state on the mats. Fralic's other passion includes golf.

Career Games

Games Played/Started: 100/99, 1985 (15/14), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/12), 1988 (14/14), 1989 (15/15), 1990 (16/16), 1991 (12/12)

Playoff Totals: 1991 (2/2)

Kansas State
6th Year
Ht.: 6'0"
Wt.: 193
Born: 11-17-61

Acquisition: Free Agent
August 24, 1989

Scott
FULHAGE
PUNTER
17

Last Season

Fulhage provided the Falcons with another consistent year in the kicking department as he ended up fifth in the NFC with a 42.8 punting average, while finishing with a net of 36.6. Scott also had a banner campaign with 21 kicks inside the 20-yard line, second-best ever. "The Cannon" connected on long booms of 60, 58, 57 (2), 54 (2), 53 (2), 52, and 50 yards. He set a personal-best by getting off nine punts against the Saints and 49ers, carried a season-best 48.5 average versus the Vikings and had a 47-yard mark three other times.

Pro Career

Since taking over the punting duties in 1989, Scott has recorded 56 punts inside the 20 in three seasons. Fulhage is second in club record books with a 41.9 career average, only .7 off the leader. He is fourth all-time with his 235 punts, moving past Ralph Giacomarro, and can maneuver into third with just 62 this year. He was acquired by the birds after his release from the Bengals in the '89 summer camp. He made a lasting impression by leading the NFC with 24 punts inside the 20 and was ninth in the NFL with a 41.3 average. Scott experienced the usual ride through several NFL camps before landing a full time job. His trips included Buffalo ('85), Washington ('86), and Cincinnati ('87). He stuck with the Bengals replacement team for a trio of games and led all punters with a 44.4 mark. A short stint after the strike with Green Bay followed, the then his break finally came when the Bengals inked him to a free agent deal. Scott's best game as a pro came in a Falcon uniform as he averaged 49.1 yards on seven punts (for 344 yards) against the Patriots in 1989. He also hit an NFL-long 65 yarder and pooched three kicks inside the 20 to win a Golden Toe weekly award.

College

As a Wildcat, he posted a career average of 40.5, punting for 10,284 yards on 254 tries. The former Academic All-America and second team All-Big Eight Selection was ranked second in the conference and 25th in the nation in his junior season with a 41.9 average. He led the

conference going into the last game against Colorado as a senior but ended up losing the title by a slim margin. Scott once punted 12 times against Nebraska and played on the school's only bowl team with an 1982 appearance in the Independence Bowl versus Wisconsin, where he punted 8 times, including a 59 yarder. His career longs included a 75-yard boot versus Nebraska and a 72-yard boom against Missouri.

Notebook

Fulhage enjoyed his second trip to the Playoffs in his five NFL seasons last year. He collected an AFC Championship ring for being on the Bengals squad that advanced to Super Bowl XXIII in 1988. Scott and his wife, Cyndy, are both very active in the Atlanta community. They visit hospitals and the pair also take a special personal interest in the Shepard Spinal Center, where they donate tickets to Falcon games for patients. Scott doesn't limit himself only to Atlanta as he takes the time to make personal appearances at schools in his hometown of Beloit, KA. The Fulhages hail from Kansas farm country and pursue the family business in the offseason. Their farm is only two miles from Scott's parents' place in Beloit.

Personal

When the Falcons' final team meeting was over, Scott promptly packed up his family in the Suwanee parking lot and headed back home to work on his Kansas farm. They, along with Scott's parents, harvest wheat and milo on 3,400 lush acres in Beloit, KA. Both Scott and Cyndy were reared on the farm and take turns driving the combine and other machinery. Cyndy, who hails from Rozel, KA, met Scott on the Kansas State campus and were married soon after. He tries to get the most out of everything and once had his engine overhauled on his 1984 Monte Carlo for $2,000 rather than buy a new car. At the prep level, Fulhage was a jack-of-all-trades on the gridiron as he played everything from linebacker to quarterback on a pair of state champions. He was also a basketball and track star. His agent's son designed a t-shirt featuring Scott's likeness in action with inscription, "Foothage." The agricultural major enjoys eating sushi and has a soft spot for old cars. He pledged $900 for his on-field performance last season to the Shepherd Spinal Center. The Fulhages have two children, six-year-old Camille, and five-year-old Darrell John, who often visit their dad at Falcon practices.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TB	In 20	Blk.
1987	Cinc.	52	2168	41.7	58	5	10	0
1988	Cinc.	44	1672	38.0	53	5	13	2
1989	Atl.	84	3472	41.3	65	9	24	1
1990	Atl.	70	2913	41.6	59	4	15	0
1991	Atl.	81	3470	42.8	60	6	21	0
Totals		331	13695	41.4	65	29	83	3
Playoff Totals:								
1991	Atl.	5	211	42.2	47	0	2	0

Fulhage's Personal Bests

NO	YDS	AVG	LG
8 at N.O. (11-25-90) at Det. (9-16-90) at Jets (11-26-89)	364 at N.O. (11-25-90) 359 at Det. (9-16-90) 344 N.E. (10-15-89)	49.1 N.E. (10-15-89) 45.5 at N.O. (11-25-90) 45.0 Dall. (12-30-90)	65 N.E. (10-15-89) 58 S.D. (10-4-87) 56 Wash. (12-17-89)

Notre Dame
8th Year
Ht.: 6'5"
Wt.: 270
Born: 10-19-63

Acquisition: 2nd Round, 45th overall, 1985 Draft

Mike
GANN
DEFENSIVE END
76

Last Season

The Falcons' run support defense suffered a year ago with the absence of Mike Gann. One of the most competitive players on the roster, Mike was lost for the season with a neck injury in Week 7 and his string of never missing an NFL game due to an injury was snapped at an incredible 97 games. Mike sustained the injury in the Vikings contest in Week 2, but played through the injury until succumbing to surgery. At the time of his injury, Mike was his usual steady self as he was averaging nine tackles per outing, with 5 QB pressures in 5 games. Falcon coaches are anxious for the return of the hard working Gann to further bolster the line in 1992.

Pro Career

Despite last year's season-ending injury, Mike has been a picture of dependability in his career. He has started every Falcon game that he's played in (97) and leads all active players with 181 QB pressures. Gann helped the birds' stingy '90 defense pace the League by allowing only 3.3 yards per carry. He was also part of a unit that earned the NFL's Most Improved label in '86. The former Golden Domer has crossed the goal line twice for scores in his career, with a safety to his credit. His first tackle in the League was memorable as he trapped QB Eric Hipple of the Lions for a sack.

Year-By-Year

1990: He enjoyed his best season of his career with his personal-best 116 tackles to trail only Tim Green for the most by a lineman. Gann collared three, 11-tackle affairs, collected 10 tackles and a sack at Detroit, and registered a pair of nine-tackle games. His other top game came at the hands of the Saints when he had seven stops, a recovered fumble, a sack, and two QB pressures. He also blocked the first field goal of his career versus the Rams.

1989: Mike ended up sixth on the team with 99 tackles and again paced the club with 27 QB pressures. He also had a pair of sacks against the Redskins, 11 tackles versus the Jets, and denied Eric Dickerson on a 4th and one to keep the Falcons hopes alive in Indianapolis.

1988: Mike had 92 tackles and led the team with 25 QB hurries. His play also included four sacks, two pass deflections, two forced fumbles and two fumbles recovered. He scooped up a Randall Cunningham fumble in Philadelphia and rumbled 36 yards for the score. He also had a personal best 14 tackle game in Week 4 against the Cowboys, plus an 11-tackle game vs. the Rams.

1987: Moving around, Mike started seven at LE, two at RT in a shift to a 4-3 formation, and one at LT. He tied for the lead among Falcon linemen with 85 tackles in 12 games and led the team with 22 QB hurries.

1986: New defensive coordinator Marion Campbell moved Mike to left end for his 3-4 defense and Mike led the team with 43 QB hurries, had three fumble recoveries, 5.5 QB sacks, and his personal best 99 tackles. Mike enjoyed a two sack game (49ers), a safety (St. Louis), an 11-tackle game (Eagles) and a 12-yard fumble return (Lions).

1985: A sack in his first game was followed by a touchdown in his seventh NFL game (42-lateral return of fumble) vs. the Saints. He helped save a 14-13 win vs. Minnesota by recovering a fumble with 1:09 remaining in the game. His rookie campaign included five QB sacks and then shoulder surgery during the offseason.

Notebook

Mike is an intense competitor on the field, but one of the most likeable players off. His physical and emotional style of play belies the quiet, friendly side of his personality. An example of how well Gann and his fellow linemen communicate together came against Dallas in the season finale in 1990. Mike overheard the Cowboys play call as they huddled up in the Falcons endzone, so he told Tim Green they were going to run right at him. Tim shed his blocker and promptly registered his first NFL safety by dropping Emmitt Smith for two points. After a stellar career at Notre Dame, he seemed on his way to becoming a #1 draft pick until rumors abounded that he was going to sign with the Tampa Bay Bandits of the USFL. He originally signed on to play with the Oklahoma Sooners out of high school (and would have played with Rick Bryan and Scott Case), but turned to the Fighting Irish so it would be easier for his parents and friends in Chicago to watch him perform.

College

A big-play maker at Notre Dame, Gann collected 172 career tackles, including 34 for losses, and trapped the quarterback 21 times. He was voted the team's top defensive player in 1984 with 10 sacks, three forced fumbles and five recovered fumbles while playing all four years for coach Gerry Faust.

Personal

Michael Alan was born in Stillwater, Ok, but the Gann family moved on to Lakewood, CO as a youth. He was an all-state selection as a defensive end and guard on offense for Lakewood High as his senior team won the state title. The versatile athlete was also a catcher on the baseball team. The Marketing degree holder has spent time in the offseasons trying to acquire his Masters in Management. Always a big supporter in the community, Mike has lended his time and energies to a number of worthy causes throughout his career. His special interests are in the Boy Scouts and Georgia Special Olympics. The personable Gann loves the outdoors where he can fish off his bass boat. He also has been known to work in a few rounds of golf in his leisure time or put in time on the diamond as a Little League coach. Mike met his wife, Judy, at Notre Dame during his senior season. He and Judy have three children, Michael Joseph, Mindy, and Mitchell. The Ganns live in Alpharetta.

Career Statistics

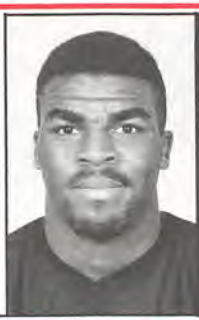
Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR	TD	Safety	Int.
1985	Atl.	16/16	69	40	29	5.0	40	0	1	1	1	
1986	Atl.	16/16	99	53	46	5.5	43	0	3	0	0	
1987	Atl.	12/12	85	48	37	1.5	22	0	0	0	0	
1988	Atl.	16/16	92	59	33	4.0	25	2	2	1	0	
1989	Atl.	16/16	99	52	47	2.0	27	0	0	0	0	
1990	Atl.	16/15	116	53	63	3.5	19	0	2	0	0	
1991	Atl.	5/5	33	12	0	5.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total		97/96	593	317	276	21.5	181	2	8	2	1	1
Playoff Totals:												
1991	(IR)	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Gann's Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	Fumble Recoveries
14 at Dal (9-25-88) 12 Cin (11-15-87) 11 LA Rams (10-9-88) 11 Jets (11-26-89)	2 at SF (11-23-86) 2 Wash. (12-17-89) 1.5 Cards (9-14-86)	1 Eight Times, last vs. Buccaneers, (12-2-90)
Touchdowns 1 Saints (10-20-85) 42-lateral of fumble return 1 Eagles (10-30-88) 36-fumble return	**Safety** 1 Cards (9-14-86)	**Interceptions** 1 Minn. (9-8-91)

Illinois
2nd Year
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 258
Born: 8-10-68

Acquisition: 4th Round, 87th overall, 1991 Draft



Moe
GARDNER
NOSE TACKLE
67

Last Season

Moe's immediate impact on the Falcons defense was far-reaching and recognized by writers across the country as he was voted *Football Digest's* Rookie of the Year and claimed runner-up honors in the balloting by *Associated Press*. Gardner won the starting nose tackle position

with a strong camp and finished with the most tackles by a rookie defensive lineman in the last five seasons with 96 stops. He also outdistanced any rookie defensive player at any position last year. The consensus All-NFL rookie also added 3 QB sacks, 3 forced fumbles, and a team-high 38 QB pressures, through 14 starts and 16 games played. Moe's best games were against the Cardinals, with 12 tackles, a QB sack, and 3 QB pressures, the Saints with 10 stops, and the Skins with 9 tackles, and 5 QB pressures. One of his big hits resulted in a Jeff Carlson fumble which was scooped up by Oliver Barnett and returned 75-yards for a TD vs. Bucs. He constantly harassed Kansas City QB Steve DeBerg in his first pro game to record a career-high 6 pressures and registered 5 other pressures of Mike Tomczak of the Packers. In the Playoff victory over the Saints, he had 8 tackles and a forced fumble.

College Career

His college career can be summed up simply as record-breaking and award winning. For the Fighting Illini, Moe set a new school record with 54 tackles for losses in a career and tied the school mark with 20 tackles for losses in a season. His junior year, he was a finalist for the Outland Trophy and a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award. In the tough Big Ten Conference, Moe was a three-time first team all-Conference pick (he was second team all-Conference as a freshman) and was picked the Defensive Player of the Year in 1990 by the League's coaches. In '89 when he was picked as a consensus All-American, he was the first Illini defensive star to earn that recognition since Dick Butkus. He'll long be remembered at Illinois for a career that included 303 tackles, 54 tackles for losses of 223 yards, 18 QB sacks, 18 passes broken up, and 6 fumble recoveries.

Notebook

Gardner carries a thoughtful and quiet persona around with him in and away from the Falcons locker room. He is a devout and consumate family man who both married and became a father while in college. Moe and his wife, Mickie, worked as hard on their marriage as they did on their degrees. Moe would attend afternoon classes at Illinois and then go to practice while Mickie watched over their baby girl, Morgan. He would switch roles in the morning hours and watch Morgan as his wife made her way to class. They existed on a Pell Grant and summer money made from a job as part of a road-paving crew, while living in a small apartment off-campus. Their sacrifices paid dividends as Moe received his degree in sociology and Mickie accepted her medical sociology diploma. Gardner and the Falcons seem to be a perfect fit due to the demands placed on the lineman by coach Bill Kollar. The quick-footed former All-America makes up for his lack of straight line speed by shooting the gaps, out-quicking his opponents, and clever stunting. One other ingredient is also important in the makeup of this 6-2, 258 pounder, and that's heart. "I'm lucky to be in a place where I can use my talents," he said. "I love football and take pride in doing something well."

Personal

An Indianapolis native, Morris hails from strong roots. His father, Morris Sr., worked his way up the ranks of General Motors to auto-plant foreman, and his mother, Mynelle, was a kindergarten teacher. His grandfather, Albert Umphrey, enjoyed an All-America career at Tennessee State from 1935-38. Education has always been at the top of his priority list as he was an honor student as well as a top athlete in football and basketball at Cathedral High School in Indy. This well-rounded individual was taught to appreciate jazz and theater from his mother. He even took piano lessons as a fifth and sixth grader. Mynelle also used to tell young Moe stories about Paul Robeson, who was a football All-America, but also a recognized baritone, lawyer, actor, and

political figure. Keeping everything in perspective, he understands there is more to life than just football. "You can only put on shoulder pads and butt helmets for so long, then you've got to make something of yourself. Football is only a small slice of life."

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	FF	FR	TD
1991	Atl.	16/13	96	51	45	3	38	3	0	0
Playoff Totals:										
1991	Atl.	2/2	14	8	6	0	0	1	0	0

Gardner's Personal Bests

Tackles	QB Sacks	QB Pressures
12 at Phoe. (10-20-91) 10 N.O. (9-29-91)	1 at Phoe. (10-20-91) T.B. (11-17-91) at Rams (12-8-91)	6 at K.C. (9-1-91) 5 at Wash. (11-20-91) G.B. (12-1-91)

Syracuse
7th Year
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 245
Born: 12-16-63

Acquisition: 1st Round, 17th overall, 1986 Draft

Jim
GREEN
DEFENSIVE END
99

Last Season

Tim was once again a stellar force in the Falcons trenches as he ended up fifth on the club with 117 tackles and a team-best five QB sacks for a minus 44 yards. He was also second on the team with 29 QB pressures and added two fumble recoveries to his totals. His best efforts were registered against Phoenix, with 12 tackles and three pressures, San Diego, with 10 stops, a sack and a fumble recovery, Washington with 10 tackles, and LA Raiders with 9 stops, 2 sacks and a pair of pressures. He accumulated 19 more tackles in the two Playoff games, plus a sack in each contest, and 5 pressures. For the second straight year, durable Tim was the only Falcons lineman to start every game and again led the team in sacks.

Pro Career

Green finally found a home on the Falcons defensive line in 1990 after experiencing several position changes in his first four years. In the past two seasons, he has played an integral part

in the success of the Black Wave defense. During that time in his new position, he has recorded a personal best 238 tackles, with 11 QB sacks, and set a career-high with 121 stops in '90. He has played every linebacker spot since arriving in Atlanta in 1986. His role was diversified in 1989 when he performed as a linebacker/defensive end, which meant he lined up as a situational lineman, and he adapted to the position. When Glanville came to town, Tim assumed his old college slot on the line and began to prosper.

Year-By-Year

1990: Tim made a full-time switch to defensive line pay off as he established a personal-high with 121 tackles and paced the club in sacks with 6. He was the only lineman to start every game and was tied for the team lead with 4 forced fumbles. He collared 11 tackles and 6 QB pressures with two 10 tackle games vs. Bears and Saints. His two fumble recoveries and eight stops at Pittsburgh won him Miller Lite Player of the Game honors. He was impressive at his new position in the preseason where he registered three sacks against Green Bay.

1989: Green started 14 games at three different positions (ROLB, LOLB and RE) and collected his first 100-plus tackle season with a third-best 111 stops. His five QB sacks were third on the club and he also chipped in with 16 QB pressures, and a forced and recovered fumble.

1988: After six weeks on IR (elbow), Tim came on strong to record 50 tackles, including five starting assignments. Over the second half of the season, his play in a special "Waco Gang" defense (with him moving around) enabled the Falcons to yield just 95 points in the final eight games. He had a 10-tackle game vs. the Rams in Week 15.

1987: In Week 9, Tim's season was cut short with a knee injury. He had blocked a field goal to help save a win over the Redskins in Week 2. Then, the players strike came and Tim decided to stay and play. Against a 49ers "replacement" team of Montana, Craig, Clark, Francis, Fuller, etc., Tim had 15 tackles and a QB sack.

1986: He played the final 11 games of his rookie year, bouncing back from IR and a ruptured calf muscle. He made his first NFL start in the season finale (Lions) and responded with 12 tackles.

Notebook

Green is one of the most unique and interesting NFL players. He is constantly filling his life with new challenges. In the offseason, Tim works towards his law degree at Syracuse. At the same time, the busy Green also continues his karate classes with the hopes of acquiring his black belt someday. Last year, the co-valedictorian at his alma mater (3.83 GPA in English Lit) put the finishing touches on his novel, "The Ruffians," The novel is about a college player who is drafted into the NFL's Birmingham Ruffians. It chronicles his struggle playing for an unscrupulous owner and coach and involves the issues of steriods. His offseasons have also included on-camera work for an NBC sports station in Syracuse (WSTM-TV). During the season, he has been writing a weekly column in the *Syracuse Herald-Journal* entitled, NFL Notepad, and last year started a three-minute weekly commentary for National Public Radio. "I just try to get the most out of every day," Green explained. "I don't spend a lot of time sitting around and relaxing. I'm busy from the time I get up to the time I go to bed." Through his nomination, Green's high school science teacher, John Williams from Liverpool, N.Y., captured the NFL's first ever Teacher of the Year Award in '90. Tim's high school also reaped benefits by having a $10,000 scholarship fund started in their names. The former Rhodes Scholar nominee showed his dedication to the cause of education by shooting a poster for the Ga. Association of Educators that was supplied to every school throughout the state, plus a video that ran on local television. Tim and Mike Pritchard

were dressed in their Falcon uniforms in the poster, but with books in their hands and donning graduation caps, with the inscription, "The Most Important Head Gear You'll Ever Wear." Green has survived on the defensive line without the "protype size" associated with his position through his dedication, guile, strength, and quickness. "Players come in all shapes and sizes," said Coach Glanville. "He may look like a guy who belongs in the choir, but he spills his guts on the field." Needless to say, he's been a natural fit in Glanville's system. "The difference between Jerry and a lot of guys is he doesn't look at anybody's physical stature," Tim said. "He looks at the heart."

College

The All-American defensive end used his quickness to collect 28.5 sacks in his last two seasons and 341 total tackles in his four-year career for the Orangemen. The senior co-captain was in the running for the Lombardi Trophy as one of three juniors and once blocked a Navy punt and returned it for a score. He was tabbed *Sports Illustrated's* Defensive Player of the Week twice in his career, once for his play as Syracuse upset No. 1 Nebraska, and recorded four sacks in a game against Virginia Tech.

Personal

Tim's main challenge in life and the one he spends the most time with is raising his family. The Green household has grown to four as wife, Illyssa, gave birth to daughter, Tessa, to go along with two-year-old son, Thane. Green grew up in the same Liverpool, N.Y. hometown that has produced NFLer Pete Holohan. His parents, Richard, a systems analyst, and Judy, a school teacher, had a big influence on Tim as a youth. They used to bring him books to read from the library every day and it's an enriching habit that he continues today. A highly recruited lineman, the N.Y. Player of the Year and Parade All-America shunned offers from such college powerhouses as Penn State and Notre Dame to stay close to home at Syracuse. His college coach is New England Patriots head boss Dick MacPherson who once said of Green, "Tim's the kind of guy governors and senators are made from." He is a familiar face in the Atlanta community, especially to Eagle Boys Ranch and to area hospitals, and donates money to help the boys at the ranch through his on-field performances.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	QB Pres.	FF	FR	Blk. Kick
1986	Atlanta	11/1	14	7	7	0-0	4	0	0	0
1987	Atlanta	9/5	39	26	13	1-9	13	0	1	1
1988	Atlanta	10/5	50	25	25	4-35	12	1	0	0
1989	Atlanta	16/14	111	60	51	5-39	16	1	1	0
1990	Atlanta	16/16	121	44	77	6-36	37	4	1	0
1991	Atlanta	16/16	117	49	68	5.44	29	0	2	0
Total		78/57	452	211	241	21-163	111	6	4	1
Playoff Totals:										
1991		2/2	19	12	7	1-9	5	0	0	0

Green's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Fumble Rec.
15 SF (10-11-87) 12 at Dal (12-21-86) 12 at Phoe. (10-20-91) 12 at Wash. (1-4-91) 11 N.E. (10-15-89) 11 Rams (12-23-90)	2 at T.B. (12-2-90) 2 Raiders (9-22-91) 1 17 times	1 Phil (10-4-87) Buff (11-5-89) Phil (11-18-90) at S.D. (9-15-91) at Rams (12-8-91)

Northern Arizona
5th Year
Ht.: 6'0
Wt.: 180
Born: 12-24-65

Acquisition: 7th Round, 166th overall, 1988 Draft

Michael
HAYNES
WIDE RECEIVER
81

Last Season

Michael Haynes emerged as one of the top deep threats in the NFL last season as he remained healthy for an entire year for the first time in his career. The speedy Haynes enjoyed a career year as he established his name in NFL circles and set Falcon records. From the "Hail Mary" 44-yard game-winning catch versus the 49ers, to the seven-yard hitch, turned 61-yard game winner against the Saints, Michael's year was full of clutch performances. Here's the former Northern Arizona's list of accomplishments and top games in his fourth and finest season yet.

- Led all NFL receivers with a 22.4 per catch average.
- The 22.4 mark was the highest average by a receiver in the NFC with 50 or more catches in EIGHT SEASONS, since James Lofton of Green Bay posted the same average (58-1,300) back in 1983.
- Averaged an incredible NFL-best 44.9 yards per touchdown reception and one score every 4.5 catches, tops in League among players with 50 or more catches.
- Recorded 12 receptions of 30 yards or more (including Playoffs), with long touchdown catches of: 80, 75, 67, 61, 55, 46, 44, 43, and 30 yards, to go along with his other grabs of 57, 52, and 41 yards.
- Tied a club record with five 100-yard receiving games.
- Tied for 5th in NFC with 11 TD's and was 4th in yards with 1,122.
- Became only the 6th player in Falcon club history to total over 1,000 receiving yards. His 1,222 yards were the 4th-best ever in club annals.
- Established career-highs for receptions, yards, touchdowns, average, and long, for a single season.

- Collected a 187-yard game at New Orleans (5th highest on club charts).
- Amassed 144-yard outing in Playoffs at New Orleans (2nd best Playoff performance ever).
- Hauled in a club Playoff record 61-yard game-winning TD in Saints victory. Set a club mark with his pair of TD's in being named the NFL's Offensive Player of the Week for the Wild Card Playoffs.
- Caught a career-long 80-yard TD vs. Saints on national television and then knotted the score with under two minutes left from 18-yards out, despite taking crushing blow between two defenders. He set up the game-winning 50-yard FG in OT by grabbing a 57-yard pass from own two-yard line.

Pro Career

Haynes has taken his game to a new level in the Falcons Red Gun passing attack, establishing himself as one of the premier long distance threats in the League. Michael has always been considered a deep threat since putting on a Falcons uniform. But he consistently produced each game and stayed healthy in '91 to evolve into a weekly weapon in the Falcons high-powered arsenal. **In his career, he has caught 41 passes for 20 yards or more, which means 31% of his total receptions (134) have gone for 20 yards or more. Also, 16 out of his 21 career touchdowns (counting playoffs) have been from 20 yards or more or 77% of his touchdowns have come from 20 yards and beyond.** As a rookie, young Michael showed flashes with his pair of game-winning catches against the Eagles (49-yard bomb) and Buccaneers (37-yarder falling down in a driving rainstorm). In his second year, he continued to improve as he recorded a 190-yard receiving day against the Skins, with two scores out of his six catches, a 72-yard TD, and a five-catch affair versus Minnesota, to finish with a personal-best 40 receptions for 681 yards. A series of injuries effected his play in 1990 and limited him to only 10 starts and 31 catches. He did though, snare aerials from 60 and 55-yards out.

Notebook

Michael is appropriately known to teammates as, "Flash," after the fictional comic book character who runs as fast as the speed of light. He even wears a t-shirt bearing the comic book hero. Haynes' heroics in the Playoffs were especially sweet since he was raised in New Orleans and grew up a Saints fan. *"Haynes dooms his hometown..."* were the headlines the next day in the newspaper as he bought 16 tickets for his family and friends. The way he managed to pull out the victory was bittersweet though, as he beat his good friend, Milton Mack, on his lightning 61-yard TD jaunt. He and Mack are close friends as they "hang out" in the offseason in the Bayou country. His Big Ben III catch to pull out the win over the Niners brought comparisons of another famous Big Ben grab over those same 49ers by another #81, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson. Hall of Famer and former head coach and passing guru Sid Gillman has watched tapes of Haynes and says, "This guy (#81) practically jumps right off the screen at me. On film, he looks like he combines the smoothness of (Hall of Famer and ex-Charger great) Lance Alworth and the deep threat of (former Raider All-Pro) Warren Wells." His football career had a far from auspicious start as he tried out at the junior college level for Eastern Arizona only because his friends were going out for the team. He had no prior organized football experience in high school or even Pop Warner even though he admits to playing a lot of street football. Michael did see his share of prep games, but only as a trumpet player in the band at Joseph Clark High in New Orleans. Through his play at Eastern Arizona, he gained a scholarship to Northern Arizona after weighing an offer from New Mexico. You can tell by Michael's long striding gait on the football field that he's had a strong background in track. He competed against Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis at the Olympic Trials in Indianapolis before signing a football contract and reporting to his first training camp in 1988. He was crowned the 100 and 200 meter champion of the Big Sky

Conference and ran in the NCAA Championships as the anchor of his school's 400 meter relay team. He's run a 10.28, 100, and a 4.35 time in the 40. Chris Miller had a simple description of Haynes' game clincher against the Saints in the Playoffs in which he turned a seven-yard hitch into a 61-yard TD (beating Milton Mack, Sam Mills, and outrunning Venice Glenn.) "In those situations, you just get Michael the ball and let him do his magic-man act, that's all." Coach Glanville remarked, "The fastest touchdown I've ever seen." Falcons coach Junes Jones, who has played with and seen plenty of fast receivers in his tenure in the League, said quite frankly, "...If you're just talking about football-related stuff, I think he's the fastest player in the game." Haynes teamed with Andre Rison to form a deadly duo as they combined for 23 TD's to tie the tandem of Rice-Taylor for the NFL lead.

College

Michael's first taste of organized football came after he walked-on with friends to Eastern Arizona JC in Thatcher, Arizona. He made the squad as a cornerback and kick returner and rang up some good numbers with 65 tackles and five interceptions, along with a 20.6 KOR average and a 15.3 PR average. He was moved strictly to offense the next season and his career took off. Haynes played halfback (31-441-14.2 avg.) and wide out (12-267-22.3), scoring three times with an 80-yard catch to his credit. Michael accepted a scholarship to Northern Arizona where he finished with 49 receptions for 835 yards, nine scores, and a long of 81 yards. The versatile performer had one of the best kickoff return averages in the country as a senior with a 26.9 mark and posted a 17.5 per catch average as a junior. His 243-yard receiving day put him in the Lumberjack record book.

Personal

The quiet, unpretentious Haynes has a love of music that dates back to his days playing the trumpet in junior high school. He takes his fondness for tunes so far as to bring in his own personal portable stereo to play at his locker. One of his prized possessions is a beautiful brown Chow, named Nikki, which is often a passenger in his Jeep Rangler. His other vehicles of choice mirror his personality in the form of a fast and sleek red Porsche 911 and a Honda CBR1000 motorcycle. Ironically, this rising NFL star wears a tiny star on the right lens of his glasses for no apparent reason... "I just like stars." A native of New Orleans, Haynes spent time studying and practicing music as a youngster rather than playing sports. Like most things in his life, the level-headed Haynes took being drafted into the NFL in stride, as he had to be told by a teammate at track practice at NAU that he was picked by the Falcons. Over the past two seasons, he has donated money from performance pledges to the Children's Miracle Network and is active in many children's hospital visits. An avid basketball player, Michael played on the Falcons offseason team and participated in Deion Sanders' Prime Time Shootout charity game against pro baseball players. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga. when he's not visiting two of his biggest fans in mother, Georgia, and father, Jack Haynes, in the Crescent City. He competed in the NFL's "Fastest Man" competition in June.

OWNERS VOTE TO EXPAND NFL

At the May, 1991, Owners Meeting in Minneapolis, NFL owners voted to add two expansion teams for play in 1994, with realignment of the six divisions to be considered as well. An owners expansion committee, including Rankin Smith, has been reviewing potential cities. By fall of '92, the two teams will be voted on unless the labor-management issues constitute an impediment. The NFL has not expanded since 1976 when Tampa Bay and Seattle were added as the 27th and 28th teams.

NFL Receiving Yards, 1991

Michael Irvin, Dallas 1,523
Gary Clark, Wash 1,340
Jerry Rice, SF 1,206
Haywood Jeffires, Hou 1,181
MICHAEL HAYNES, Atl 1,122

NFL Receiving TD's, 1991

Jerry Rice, SF 14
ANDRE RISON, Atl 12
Mark Clayton, Mia 12
MICHAEL HAYNES, Atl 11
Andre Reed, Buff 10

NFL TD's Receiving, 1991

HAYNES-RISON, Atl 23
Rice-Taylor, SF 23
Reed-Lofton, Buff 18
Clark-Monk, Wash 18
Duper-Clayton, Mia 17

Falcons Season Bests

HAYNES-RISON, 1991 2,098
Jenkins-Jackson, 1981 1,962
Jenkins-Francis, 1980 1,887
Francis-Jenkins, 1979 1,871
Bailey-Jackson, 1984 1,869

Career Statistics

		Receiving					
Year	**Team**	**GP/GS**	**No.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**LG**	**TD**
1988	Atl.	15/5	13	232	17.8	49t	4
1989	Atl.	13/11	40	681	17.0	72t	4
1990	Atl.	13/10	31	445	14.4	60	0
1991	Atl.	16/16	50	1122	22.4	80t	11
Total		57/42	134	2480	18.5	80t	19
Playoff Totals:							
1991		2/2	7	159	22.7	61t	2

Haynes' Personal Bests

Receiving			
Receptions	**Yards**	**Long**	**TD**
6 Wash (12-17-89) 6 Det. (12-24-89) 6 at N.O. (11-24-91) 6 at Rams (12-8-91) 6 at N.O. (12-28-91) 5 at Min. (12-10-89) 5 at SF (10-13-91) 5 at Dal. (12-22-91)	190 Wash (12-17-89) 187 at N.O. (11-24-91) 148 at Dal. (12-22-91) 144 at N.O. (12-28-91) 112 at Rams (12-8-91) 110 Rams (10-27-91) 105 at Wash (11-10-91) 94 at SF (10-13-91)	80t at N.O. (11-24-91) 75t at Wash. (11-10-91) 72t Wash. (12-17-89) 67t at Dal. (12-22-91) 60 at Det. (9-16-90) 61 at N.O. (12-28-91) 57 at N.O. (11-24-91) 55 Phil. (11-18-90) 55t Rams (10-27-91) 52 at Rams (12-8-91)	2 at Dal. (12-22-91) 2 at N.O. (11-24-91) 2 Wash. (12-17-89) 2 at Phil. (10-30-88) 2 at N.O. (12-28-91) 1 Nine times

Georgia Tech
13th Year
Ht.: 5'9"
Wt.: 172
Born: 10-5-56

Acquisition: Plan B free agent, April 1, 1992

Drew
HILL
WIDE RECEIVER
86

Last Season

The ageless Drew Hill continued to get better as he enjoyed his finest season of his 12-year career by finishing 3rd in the entire NFL, 2nd in AFC, with 90 receptions. His 1,109 yards was the 6th best total in the League. **By eclipsing the 1000-yard plateau, he became the only player in the history of the NFL to collect 4, 1000-yard seasons after turning 30.** Drew kept his consecutive game streak alive by catching a pass in every contest to run his streak to 76 straight. Hill paced the Oilers in catches seven times and in receiving yards on six different occasions. The former Georgia Tech star combined with Haywood Jeffires (100 receptions) to amass the most catches by an NFL duo in the history of the League with 190 (Kellen Winslow & John Jefferson hauled in 171 with San Diego in 1980). In addition, he joined James Lofton in select company as the oldest players in NFL annals to register 1,000 receiving yards (35). He added two more 100-yard receiving games to his career ledger with 144 yards on a personal-best 11 totes vs. Cleveland and 129 on 6 grabs vs. Cincinnati. In two Playoff games, he was second on club charts with 11 catches for 98 yards and a touchdown, including a nine-catch effort in an opening round victory over the Jets to record the second-most receptions ever by an Oiler in a post-season game.

Pro Career

Hill heads into this season in 19th place on the NFL's all-time list with his 540 career receptions. His 8,824 receiving yards ranks him 17th on that prestigious list and he is 20th all-time with his 12,330 combined yards. Over the past seven years, the productive Georgia native has the third most receiving yards in the League with 7,477. He has scored 58 career touchdowns, totaled 27, 100-yard games, and has had six seasons with 60-plus catches. He left Houston as the club record holder with 480 receptions (passing Charley Hennigan) and 7,477 receiving yards (passing Ken Burrough). His 47 lifetime touchdowns is the second-best ever by a Oiler. Drew's career began as a 12th round draft choice of the LA Rams in 1979. He returned the first-ever kickoff in Anaheim Stadium back 98 yards for a touchdown. His time with the Rams also included leading the NFL in per-catch average at 27.9 in '84 and setting a League mark for most kickoff returns with 60 in '81. Loving artificial surfaces, evidently, 23 of his 27 100-yard games have come on turf fields.

Year-by-Year

1990: He set a then-career best with 74 catches, tying him with teammate Haywood Jeffires for the AFC lead, while totaling 1,109 yards (fourth time in career) through the air, third in AFC, in garnering a trip to the Pro Bowl. He matched his personal-best with 10 catches vs. Colts on 123 yards and ended up with five TD's for the year. He had his 25th, 100-yard receiving day of his career with 102-yard effort on Monday Night vs. Bills, and caught his 50th NFL TD at San Diego.

1989: Drew led the club in receiving yards for the fifth time with 938 and receptions with 66. He recorded a season-high nine aerials for 101 yards and a score in a 35-31 win over Detroit. His diving 27-yard TD in a snowstorm made the highlight films in a 23-16 defeat of the Steelers. He saw action in 14 games, marking the first time since '83 that he did not play in all 16 non-strike games, because of a back injury.

1988: Hill paced the Oilers with 1,141 receiving yards and caught 72 passes (2nd in AFC) to earn his first Pro Bowl nod, but was unable to attend due to a chip fracture in his neck. The New England 1776 Club Player of the Year combined with Ernest Givens for the second straight year for most receiving yards (2,117) by a duo in the NFL. He tied or led the team in receptions 10 times during the year. His personal-best of three TD's against the Redskins (9 for season-best 148 yards) were the most by an Oiler in seven seasons and was his fourth multi-TD game of his career, as he won the AFC Offensive Player of the Week award.

1987: Starting all 12 non-strike games, he was the club leader with his 989 yards on 49 grabs. In the final eight games of the season, he registered an NFL-high six, 100-yard contests. His 20.2 per catch average was 4th in the NFL. He helped the Oilers clinch a playoff berth with a 109 yard, six-catch effort in a 21-17 win over the Bengals. He topped the team's playoff charts with 177 yards on 11 catches in a pair of post season contests.

1986: Hauled in a team-high 65 catches, 1,112 yards, and five TD's, on the year. His 81-yard TD snare was a career-long vs. Detroit and also had a 185 day vs. Cincinnati.

1985: In his first season in a Houston uniform, he started every game and caught more balls than his previous five in LA. He had 64 receptions for 1,169 yards (18.3 avg.), with a club-high nine scores. The yardage total was the fifth-best in Oiler history. Drew finished his initial AFC campaign by catching nine passes for 210 yards (4th-highest output), with four TD's, against the Colts in the season finale.

1984: He managed to start all 16 games, but logged time at the position with Ron Brown. He closed out the season with 27.9 yards a catch to pace the League. Hill also returned 26 kicks for 543 yards to establish a team mark for career KOR's (171) and KOR yards (3,348).

1983: He went on IR for the entire year with a herniated disk.

1982: He had seven receptions for 92 yards in a strike shortened season.

1981: Drew established an NFL record by returning 60 kickoffs for a Rams best of 1,170 yards. In 11 starts, he had 16 catches for 355 yards, a 22.2 avg., and three TD's.

1980: Hill put his name in the record book for running back the first ever kickoff at Anaheim Stadium 98 yards for a touchdown. He finished with 19 catches for 416 yards, including a 74-yard score vs. Falcons.

1979: During his rookie season, he played in Super Bowl XIV against the Steelers and snared a 28-yard pass. He was used mainly as a kick returner (40-803) but did grab four throws for 94 yards, including his first NFL TD from Pat Haden.

Notebook

Drew became one of the most recognizable Falcons when he signed with Atlanta because of his local ties. He is a former Newnan (GA) High School star who continued his football career at the college level at nearby Georgia Tech. Hill actually took a pay cut, but received the largest signing bonus in NFL Plan B history, to play for his hometown team as the Falcons intensified contract talks just days before the Plan B period was over and shocked Houston by inking the talented performer to a one-year deal. Ironically, Drew will be coached in Atlanta by a former teammate. Jimmy Robinson was a senior for the Yellow Jackets when Hill was a freshman. The Oilers, in general, and QB Warren Moon, in particular, will miss the varied skills of Hill. Drew was Moon's favorite target and also his 'go-to-guy' in clutch situations over the years. Houston traded a seventh round choice in '86 and a fourth rounder in '87 to the Rams for Hill following the 1984 season. His wealth of experience will no doubt be a positive influence on the rest of the young Falcons receiving corps.

College

The local product decided to stay in the area and attend Georgia Tech. He caught 56 passes for the 'Rambling Wreck' and led the nation with a 30.0 average on 19 kickoffs (for 570 yards and two TD's) as a senior. Besides the impressive return average, Hill grabbed 36 passes for 706 yards (19.6) and four scores during his last season as a Yellow Jacket to catch the eyes of NFL scouts. His career 28.1 KOR average (84-2361) is still one of the top marks in Tech history.

Personal

A standout in football, baseball, basketball and track at nearby Newnan High, Andrew Hill has been making his offseason address at a condo in northeast Atlanta for years. He owns a B.S. in Industrial Management from Georgia Tech and is a big collector of cars (his recent addition was a black Ferrari). When he's not on the football field, he can be found on the hard courts of Atlanta with many of his Falcons teammates. His other time is spent on his real estate investments and on running a Subway sandwich shop.

Career Statistics

			Receiving					Kickoff Returns				
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1979	Rams	16/4	4	94	23.5	43	1	40	03	20.1	39	0
1980	Rams	16/16	19	416	21.9	74t	2	43	80	20.5	98t	1
1981	Rams	16/11	16	355	22.2	45	3	60	1170	19.5	50	0
1982	Rams	9/2	7	92	13.1	23	0	2	42	21.0	24	0
1983	Rams		INJURED RESERVE									
1984	Rams	16/16	14	390	27.9	68	4	26	543	20.9	40	0
1985	Houston	16/16	64	1169	18.3	57	9	1	22	22.0	22	0
1986	Houston	16/16	65	1112	17.1	81t	5	0	0	0	0	0
1987	Houston	12/12	49	989	20.2	52t	6	0	0	0	0	0
1988	Houston	16/16	72	1141	15.8	57t	10	0	0	0	0	0
1989	Houston	14/12	66	938	14.2	50	8	0	0	0	0	0
1990	Houston	16/16	74	1019	13.8	57	5	0	0	0	0	0
1991	Houston	16/16	90	1109	12.3	61t	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		179/153	540	8824	16.3	81t	57	172	3460	20.1	98t	1
Playoffs Totals:												
1991		13/10	39	541	13.9	32	0	5	110	22.0	27	0

Additional Stats
Punt Returns: 3 for 22 yds., 7.3 avg., long 12

100-Yard Games (27)

Date	Opponent	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
9/28/80	at N.Y. Giants	2	109	54.5	60	0
10/26/80	at Atlanta	3	117	39.0	74t	1
9/16/84	at Pittsburgh	4	152	38.0	68	1
10/27/85	at St. Louis	6	132	22.0	37t	1
12/1/85	at Cincinnati	7	129	18.4	46	0
12/8/85	N.Y. GIANTS	6	103	17.2	47	0
12/22/85	at Indianapolis	9	210	23.3	40t	2
10/26/86	L.A. RAIDERS	7	138	19.7	46	0
11/9/86	CINCINNATI	10	185	18.5	45	0
12/21/86	BUFFALO	5	114	22.8	35	0
11/8/87	at San Francisco	4	101	25.3	48	0
11/15/87	at Pittsburgh	4	107	26.8	46	1
11/29/87	at Indianapolis	7	134	19.1	40	2
12/13/87	at New Orleans	4	102	25.5	50	0
12/20/87	PITTSBURGH	4	109	27.3	52	2
12/27/87	CINCINNATI	6	109	18.2	27	0
10/30/88	WASHINGTON	9	148	16.4	33t	3
11/13/88	at Seattle	8	139	17.4	57t	1
11/20/88	PHOENIX	5	100	20.0	50t	1
11/24/88	at Dallas	9	113	12.6	25	1
10/15/89	at Chicago	5	128	25.6	47	1
11/5/89	DETROIT	9	101	11.2	25	1
12/23/89	CLEVELAND	10	141	14.1	37	2
9/23/90	INDIANAPOLIS	10	123	12.3	23	0
11/26/90	BUFFALO	6	102	17.0	43	0
11/17/90	Cleveland	11	144	40t	1	0
10/27/90	Cincinnati	6	129	61t	1	0

Hill's Personal Bests

Catches	Yards	Long	TD
11 Clev. (11-17-91) 10 Ind. (9-23-90) Clev. (12-23-89) Cin. (11-9-86)	210 at Ind. (12-22-85) 185 Cin. (11-9-86) 152 at Pitt. (9-16-84)	81t at Det. (10-5-86) 74t at Atl. (10-26-80) 68 at Pitt. (9-16-84)	3 Wash (10-30-88)

Honors

1991: Mackey Award, NFLPA
1990: AFC-NFC, Football News (first team), Pro Football Weekly
1988: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (DNP due to injury)
All-AFC, UPI (second team)
All-Pro, AP (honorable mention)

Northwestern
10th Year
Ht.: 6'4"
Wt.: 300
Born: 7-31-61

Acquisition: Trade with Colts, April 20, 1990

Chris
HINTON
TACKLE
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Last Season

Chris' impressive second season in Atlanta culminated in his **seventh Pro Bowl** trip in Hawaii. He set an unofficial record when he played in his third different position at the League's post season all-star gala. The huge drive blocker opened up holes to allow Chris Miller to throw for the NFL's third-best TD total among all QB's with 26 passing touchdowns and finish 9th in passing yards with 3,103, en route to his first Pro Bowl. His huge presence in the lineup also helped produce the League's fifth-best scoring team (361 points) and the 8th-best Total Offense, while racking up 300 yards or more 11 times. He helped throttle the #1 ranked Saints defense with 27 and 23 points scored, respectively, in the pair of victories. Chris was part of a unit which only allowed a QB sack once every 17 pass attempts (31 in 531 total attempts), a team record. He was also throwing bodies around during Steve Broussard's two, 100-yard rushing days, Michael Haynes' five, 100-yard receiving games, Andre Rison's three receiving TD's, and Miller's four, three TD passing affairs.

Pro Career

When Hiton earned his seventh spot on the Pro Bowl roster at right tackle last year, it followed nominations at left tackle and right guard, for a total of three different positions, an NFL-first. Chris' career in the south started slowly as he and the club worked through a new contract during summer camp in '90. When he signed his deal, he was switched to unfamiliar territory on the left side of the line. He injured his calf in the final preseason game at New England to further his problems. But like he has always done in the past, big Chris re-grouped and received his first starting assignment as a Falcon in Week 6 against the 49ers. He hasn't missed a start since! Chris became the first rookie in the NFL to be voted to the Pro Bowl in 1983 when he was chosen for his play at right guard. Hinton's first pro setback came when he fractured his fibula in Week 7 in '84 to end his streak of starts at 21 in-a-row. He was moved to left tackle in 1985 and garnered another Pro Bowl trip. Chris anchored the Colts front line that had the highest rush per average for a season in over 10 years with a 5.0 mark. He filled in at left guard for the last three contests of the 1986 season due to injuries while still starting the previous 13 at tackle.

Notebook

The acquisition of Hinton was a key component in the three-way swap between the Falcons and Colts prior to draft day 1990. Chris and Andre Rison were traded from the Colts with a #1 pick to the birds in exchange for Atlanta's #1 overall pick, in which Indianapolis chose QB Jeff

George. Chris is used to being involved in a big trade package because he was originally sent to the Colts, along with QB Mark Herrmann and a #1, after the Broncos selected him with the fourth overall choice in 1983. In return, Denver received QB John Elway. He upped his games started total to 121 after last season's perfect mark, while seeing action in 126 NFL games. Chris currently has a streak of 28 consecutive games started as he tries to break his personal-best mark of 34 (from 1986-89). When he inked his new four-year deal in 1990 he was the League's highest paid offensive lineman.

Honors

1991: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (7th)
1990: Pro Bowl first alternate at RT
Honorable Mention AP All-Pro
1989: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (6th)
UPI all-AFC (second team)
AP all-NFL (second team)
PFW all-AFC (first team)
1988: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (5th)
UPI all-AFC (second team)
1987: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (4th)
Sporting News all-NFL
Pro Football Weekly all-AFC
1986: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (3rd)
UPI all-AFC (first team)
Football News all-NFL
1985: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (2nd)
AP all-NFL (second team)
UPI all-AFC (first team)
NEA all-NFL (second team)
1983: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (1st)
UPI all-NFL rookie
Football Digest all-NFL rookie
Pro Football Writers all-NFL rookie

College

An academic-minded Hinton decided to forego other Big Ten offers and attend Northwestern because of the educational opportunities. Chris played three different positions with the Wildcats and began his collegiate career as an outside linebacker. After six starts and 46 tackles as a freshman, he was switched to TE in his seventh game as sophomore. He won the starting job a year later and caught 19 passes for 265 yards, including an 83-yard afternoon against nemesis Michigan. New Vikings Head Coach Dennis Green moved him to left tackle in the Spring of his senior season. "After my years with the 49ers I knew what was needed to be a left tackle in the pros and Chris was a classic," said Coach Dennis Green. Despite being an All-America and All-Big Ten selection, Green had to call in some favors to get Chris invited to the Blue-Gray and Senior Bowl all-star games. Scouts took notice of the team MVP from there and he was taken fourth overall in the draft, ahead of such names as Dan Marino, Jim Kelly, and Ken O'Brien, and behind Elway, Eric Dickerson and Curt Warner. He earned his college degree in Sociology.

Personal

A Chicago native, Hinton was reared in the tough south side section of town. At Wendell Phillips High, where students now must pass through metal detectors to get through the front door, Chris was an exceptional athlete and student. He participated in football, basketball, track and wrestling in his active athletic prep career. But the tensions in the school were so distressing to a young and impressionable Hinton that he walked off the football field one day. His principal and coach talked him out of quiting the team and his career took off as he garnered all-city, all-state and all-America honors. He gave something back to his former school when he gave the commencement address to the class of '90 with a speech called, "Don't Be Afraid to Dream." His high school teacher, Leroy Lovelace, captured the League's teacher of the month of

November in '90 through his nomination. A giver in the community, he has worked on a fund raiser for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Cobb County and visited hospitals. Chris and his wife, Carole, can be found with their one-year-old daughter, Caris, and two golden retrievers, Harpo and Sophia, in Atlanta in his off hours.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 126/121 (3/3): 1983 (16/15), 1984 (6/6), 1985 (16/16), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/12) (1/1), 1988, (14/14), 1989, (14/14), 1990, (16/12), 1991 (16/16) (2/2)

Jackson State
5th Year
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 295
Born: 2-6-65

Acquisition: 6th Round, 140th overall, 1988 Draft

Houston
HOOVER
GUARD
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Last Season

Rugged Hoover managed to start every contest for the second time in his four years in the League despite a series of nagging injuries. Houston played on a bad left knee and with an injured right shoulder which both required offseason surgery. The gritty five-year veteran was another punishing presence at his left guard position for the second straight year. Through his sturdy influence on the Falcons front lines, the birds were able to improve again in the areas of points scored, total offense, passing and rushing offense, touchdowns scored and touchdowns passing. He helped pave the way for the Falcons Red Gun attack to record nine games with 21 or more points scored and produce over 300 yards in 11 of 16 contests. Through his efforts, he was able to make it possible for QB Chris Miller to play in his first Pro Bowl, while seeing WR Andre Rison advance to his second straight trip to Hawaii. His pugnacious pass blocking enabled the Falcons to set a team record by allowing only 31 sacks in 531 passing attempts (1 every 17 tosses).

Pro Career

Houston has now upped his games started numbers to 56 in his total of 63 NFL games played. He has trotted onto the field for the opening lineup 27 out of 32 possible starts since moving back to his natural guard position in 1990 (with another start at left tackle). His initial starting call came at right tackle versus the Seahawks in Week 5 in 1988 in his All-Rookie campaign as he shutdown leading sacker Jacob Green to a single tackle. His indoctrination came a week earlier when he lined up against Ed "Too Tall" Jones in the second half against Dallas. He has always been known as a "gamer" in the Falcons camp for his ability to play through a series of injuries. The no-nonsense competitor practiced at three different spots last year due to injuries on the line and trades and had to switch back to tackle for a start.

Notebook

The former Jackson State star began his pro career as a tackle so the Falcons could take advantage of his superb technique, reach and footwork. A natural guard, Houston just picked up where he left off in college when asked to return to that same position with the Falcons in '90. Hoover makes it a conscious habit of putting something back into the community. He draws plenty of attention from kids with his warm smile and congenial personality in his offseason crusade to speak to schools back in Yazoo City, MS and in Atlanta. He's also a popular figure in local hospital visits and is a member of the Big Brothers program. A regular contributor to Atlanta's Sports Carnival to benefit cancer research at Emory University, he enjoys both watching and playing basketball.

College

The relentless Hoover worked himself into an All-SWAC and Black College All-America player for Jackson State. The team captain was known as the top lineman in the conference as a senior and was a leader by example as he didn't miss a game (and only a few practices) in his three-years in the starting lineup. He shunned offers from Mississippi State, Mississippi, and Alcorn State to following in his uncle's footsteps to attending JSU. Houston lived up to the term, student-athlete, by posting a 2.5 GPA and acquiring his Business Management degree.

Personal

A Mississippi native of tiny Yazoo City, Houston Roosevelt fills a lot of ticket requests when Atlanta travels to New Orleans. He hails from a family of two brothers and a pair of sisters of strong-willed Dora Hoover. Dora is more than a mother to Houston for she also fills the role of a motivational coach. He has a kid brother, James, who plays linebacker at Holmes Junior College. He lettered in two sports, football and basketball, back in his hometown high school and worked hard to receive a diploma in Business Management from JSU. "Hoover The Mover" has exceptional lower back, thigh and leg strength.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 63/56 (2/2), 1988 (15/12), 1989 (16/16), 1990 (16/12), 1991 (16/16) (2/2)

FALCONS COACHING FELLOWSHIP

During the Falcons summer training camp, a pair of former NFL players will work with the coaching staff through the Minority Coaching Fellowship Program.

Greg McCrary, a local product out of Clark Atlanta University, played tight end for the birds from 1975-77. The Griffin, Ga. native spent two years on the staff at Akron after receiving his Masters degree. McCrary is currently the head coach of Druid Hills High School in Atlanta and has also held previous coaching stints at Rockdale and Forest Park High Schools.

Maurice Tyler hails from Baltimore, Maryland and had an 11 year pro career in the NFL, USFL and CFL. Originally a draft pick of the Buffalo Bills in 1972, Tyler moved on to the Detroit Lions in 1976 where he was coached by Jerry Glanville. He is the boss at nearby North Clayton High in College Park, Ga.

This program helps to develop future NFL coaches as Ollie Wilson turned his fellowship into a full-time position with the Falcons as running backs coach in 1990.

UCLA
11th Year
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 203
Born: 5-31-60

Acquisition: Free Agent, September 11, 1991

Norm
JOHNSON
KICKER
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Last Season

When the Falcons were looking for more consistency in their kicking game they couldn't have asked for anything better with the acquisition of the veteran Norm Johnson. The 11-year pro stepped in and promptly had one of his finest seasons as he booted 15 consecutive field goals and was perfect inside 45 yards by hitting all 17 of his tries. He broke Mick Luckhurst's mark for best FG percentage in a season by kicking 19 of 23 on the year (.826). His 15 in-a-row through the goalposts might have ended with a 49-yard miss in the season finale against Dallas, but there were plenty of big kicks in "The Streak." For example, Norm's 50-yarder in overtime at the Superdome handed the Falcons a hard-fought, come-from-behind 23-20 victory in front of a nationally televised audience that kept their hopes of an NFC Western Division title alive. His pair of field goals (28, 36) and extra point accounted for the winning margin as the Falcons edged the Chargers to break their 19-game road losing skid. Johnson hit four field goals (29, 43, 44, 30) to aide the birds in the upset at San Francisco and he returned to the site of an earlier triumph to boot two field goals (44, 36) and a pair of PAT's in the club's road Playoff win against the Saints. For his efforts, Norm was named the NFLPA's Kicker of the Year.

Pro Career

Johnson spent the first nine seasons of his career in Seattle where he left as the Seahawks all time scorer with 810 points. He led the AFC club in the scoring department every season and holds team records for: most field goals (159), attempts (228), PAT's (333), attempts (338), and consecutive PAT's (165). His name is also in Seattle's record book for his 110 points in '84, most in a single season, and most consecutive games scoring at 48. He also paced the entire AFC in '84 in field goal accuracy with a .697% (20-24) clip. Norm tied an NFL record in '86 with five FG's of 50 yards or more and finished the season with team-bests of 22 FG's in 35 attempts. With his strong kickoffs, Seattle led the League twice in kick coverage (1982-83), posting the second-lowest figure in NFL history in '82 (allowing a 15.0 mark). The former free agent from UCLA has kicked three or more field goals in a game 15 times in his career and has 10 career field goals from 50 yards and beyond. Johnson's 95 points last year for the Falcons was the sixth-best scoring output ever. **Heading into this season, Norm is 24th on the NFL's all-time scoring list with his 905 points and also 24th with 178 FG's. His .709 career FG % places him 14th on the list of active kickers (see chart).**

Pro Career

1991: Kicker of the Year, NFLPA

1984: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL (first team), PFWA, AP, Sporting News
Pro Football Weekly
All-AFC (first team), UPI, Pro Football Weekly
Golden Toe Award, Pro Football Weekly

College

Norm made an impression on the pro scouts when he booted 14 out of 20 field goals and all 34 PAT tries for the Bruins of UCLA during his senior campaign. His leg strength was particularly evident as he kicked 7 of 11 through the uprights from 40 yards and beyond with a long boot of 49 yards. The Business Economics major made good on 10-14 FG's and 32-33 extra points as a junior after being the Bruins designated kickoff man during his freshman and sophomore campaigns.

Notebook/Personal

An entrepreneur, Johnson runs his own trading card business called, "All-Pro Trading Cards." He has a pair of stores in Washington state and one in California. Norm was an all-around athlete at Pacifica High in Garden Grove, CA as he lettered in baseball and soccer, besides his kicking duties for the football team. His prep career also included a stint at tight end. Sports is in his genes as his father, Howard, was a football and baseball standout in college. Norm's brother, Mitch, also played collegiately at UCLA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	G/S	PAT-Att	FG-Att	FG%	LG	Pts.
1982	Seattle	9/0	13-14	10-14	71.4	48	43
1983	Seattle	16/0	45-50	18-25	72.0	54	103
1984	Seattle	16/0	50-51	20-24	83.3	50	110
1985	Seattle	16/0	40-41	14-25	56.0	51	82
1986	Seattle	16/0	42-42	22-35	62.9	54	108
1987	Seattle	13/0	40-40	15-20	75.0	49	85
1988	Seattle	16/0	39-39	22-28	78.6	47	105
1989	Seattle	16/0	27-27	15-25	60.0	50	72
1990	Seattle	16/0	33-34	23-32	71.9	51	102
1991	Atlanta	16/0	38-39	19-23	82.6	50	95
NFL Totals		150/0	371-376 (98.6%)	178-251	70.9	54	905

Field Goals

Year	Team	G/S	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
1982	Seattle	9/0	0-0	3-4	5-6	2-3	0-1	10-14
1983	Seattle	16/0	1-1	4-4	4-7	8-10	1-3	18-25
1984	Seattle	16/0	0-0	9-10	4-4	6-7	1-3	20-24
1985	Seattle	16/0	0-0	5-5	7-9	1-8	1-3	14-25
1986	Seattle	16/0	0-0	6-8	8-9	3-11	5-7	22-35
1987	Seattle	13/0	0-0	7-7	4-7	4-5	0-1	15-20
1988	Seattle	16/0	1-1	4-4	7-9	10-14	0-0	22-28
1989	Seattle	16/0	1-1	6-7	3-4	4-8	1-5	15-25
1990	Seattle	16/0	2-2	7-7	8-14	5-6	1-3	23-32
1991	Atlanta	14/0	0-0	9-9	4-4	4-7	1-2	19-23
NFL Totals		148/0	5-5	60-65	54-73	48-80	11-28	178-251

Playoffs

Year	Team		PAT's	FG's	LG	Points
1983	Seattle	3	9-9	3-4	37	18
1984	Seattle	2	2-2	3-4	44	11
1987	Seattle	1	2-2	2-2	41	8
1988	Seattle	1	1-2	0-0	—	1
1991	Atlanta	2	4-4	2-4	44	10
		9	18-19	10-14	44	48

Career, FG's, Indoors		Career FG's, Outdoors	
100-136	73.5%	78-115	67.8%

Norm's Bests

Most FG Attempts	Most FG Made
6 vs. K.C. (9-20-87)	5 vs. K.C. (9-20-87)
Most PAT Attempts	**Most PAT Made**
7 at S.D. (9-15-85)	7 at S.D. (9-15-85)
Longest FG Made	**Most Points, Game**
54 vs. Dallas (12-4-83) 54 vs. S.D. (10-6-86)	19 vs. K.C. (9-20-87) (5-6 FG, 4-4 PAT)

"Clutch" Johnson Overtime Winners

1991 - Nov. 25 at New Orleans - 50-yard FG with 2:03 remaining (72:57 elapsed)
1990 - Dec. 12 vs. Houston in Seattle - 42-yard FG
1983 - Nov. 27 vs. Kansas City in Seattle - 42-yard FG

Big Plays

1990 - Nov. 11 at Kansas City - Kicked game-winning PAT after time had expired to win game, 17-16
1988 - Nov. 13 vs. Houston in Seattle - 46-yard FG with one-second left in regulation, 27-24
1982 - Nov. 21 vs. Denver - Throws 27-yard pass off FG fake to holder Jim Zorn

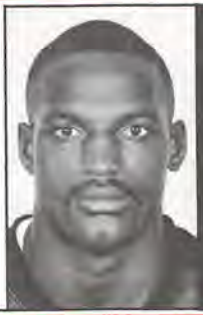
Most Accurate Active NFL Kickers
Career Field Goal Percentage (Heading into '92 season)

1.	Nick Lowery, Chiefs	79.33%
2.	Morten Andersen, Saints	77.22%
3.	Gary Anderson, Steelers	76.33%
4.	Eddie Murray, Lions	75.08%
5.	Tony Zendejas, Rams	74.44%
6.	Raul Allegre, Jets	73.66%
7.	Chip Lohmiller, Redskins	73.15%
8.	Kevin Butler, Bears	72.51%
9.	Scott Norwood, Bills	72.28%
10.	Jim Breech, Bengals	71.57%
11.	Matt Bahr, Giants	71.52%
12.	Pat Leahy, Jets	71.36%
13.	Dean Biasucci, Colts	71.08%
14.	**NORM JOHNSON, FALCONS**	**70.92%**

* At least 100 kicks or more

Illinois
4th Year
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 210
Born: 3-20-66

Acquisition: 3rd round, 62nd overall, 1989 Draft



Keith
JONES
RUNNING BACK
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Last Season

Jones experienced a frustrating year as his third NFL season was cut short because of a neck injury which required surgery. He began the year on a high note as he gained a career-best 74 yards on 18 carries in the season opener at Kansas City. But he sustained the neck problem in that game and was never the same as he ended up with 126 yards on the ground and caught 6 passes for 58 yards, before going on Injured Reserve after Week 5 against New Orleans.

Pro Career

Before last season's mishap, Jones was just what the Falcons had expected when he was chosen in the third round of the '89 draft. The all-purpose performer was in select company as he totaled over 1,000 yards in his first season (only five rookies hit that mark.) Keith scored five touchdowns over a five game stretch and accumulated 100 combined yards five more times, with a top game of 149 coming against the Patriots. He went the distance with the second half kickoff 76 yards to put his name in the record book for the 7th longest KOR in team annals to

help knock the Cowboys out of the playoff picture in the season finale in 1990. He ranked fifth on the club with his 524 all-purpose yards and chipped in with 17 special teams tackles in his sophomore campaign. Jones has recorded gains of 35 yards of more in four separate categories (rushing, receiving, passing and kickoff return) in his short career.

Notebook

Falcon coaches will be anxious for the return of "RoboBack" this year. Named after the character in the RoboCop movies, Keith can do it all for the birds as his versatility is his strongest suit. Besides his duties in the backfield and on special teams, he's also the team's designated emergency quarterback. He exhibited his aerial mastery by completing a 37-yard pass to Andre Rison against Phoenix in 1990. He was equaling impressive in college as he carried a 5-8 lifetime mark, with four scores. Keith is different from most pro athletes who are usually big sports fans. He doesn't care to watch sporting events in his spare time. He made a smooth transition to the pro game because he ran a similar style offense while at Illinois under John Mackovic.

College

"Mr. Everything" at Illinois, a busy Keith finished third on the school's rushing charts with 2,106 yards, sixth on the receiving list with 93 catches, and third on the return ledger with 49 for 1,070 yards. Besides his passing exploits, he also got in the punting act with three kicks and a 37.7 average. The second team All-Big Ten selection notched the third-best rushing season in school history as a senior with 1,108 yards and 10 TD's. He also grabbed a team and career-high 46 passes in his last year in Champagne, IL. Keith's best college games were an 186-yard rushing day vs. Utah, a 13-catch 119-yard receiving contest vs. Michigan State and an 111-yard return game vs. Iowa. He was voted MVP as a sophomore when he paced the conference (and was 5th in the country) in kickoffs with an average of 26.5 and recorded long rushes of 64, 54 and 53 yards and return longs of 61 and 50 yards.

Personal

Keith is a devoted outdoorsman who prefers fishing to just about any other leisure activity. He still talks about snaring a 15 pound catfish as a youngster off the same Mississippi River spot where he still fishes today. His most prized possession is his fully restored 1967 red Camaro. He also enjoys the driving pleasures of his motorcycle. He hails from a big family of three brothers (Terry, Tony, Patrick) and a sister (Donna), from a town outside of St. Louis. Webster Groves High School in Rock Hills, MO brought the talents of Jones to the forefront with a sports career that included football, basketball and track. The St. Louis Player of the Year and All-American runner tallied 1,507 yards, scoring 20 TD's, as a senior. Keith was recruited by the likes of Iowa and Nebraska before settling on Illinois' pro style offense. His other passions include partaking in a game of pool or bowling while listening to some soft R&B sounds and jazz artist Grover Washington.

Career Statistics

		Rushing					Receiving					KOR				
Year	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Tot. Yds.
1989	14/9	52	202	3.9	19	6	41	396	9.7	46	0	23	440	19.1	29	0	1,038
1990	15/10	49	185	3.8	22	0	13	103	7.9	16	0	8	236	29.5	76t	1	524
1991	5/3	35	126	3.6	14	0	6	58	9.7	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	184
Totals	34/22	136	513	3.7	22	6	60	557	9.3	46	0	31	676	21.8	76t	1	1,746

Playoff Totals:
1991 (IR)

Jones' Bests			
No.	Yards	Long	TD
	RUSHING		
18 at KC (9-1-91) 11 Bills (11-5-89) 10 Minn. (9-8-91) 7 Det. (12-24-89) 7 Det. (12-30-90)	74 at KC (9-1-91) 37 Det (12-24-89) 36 Minn. (9-8-91) 32 Buff (11-5-89)	22 at TB (12-2-90) 19 Det (12-24-89) 14 at Pho (10-22-89)	2 Buff (11-5-89) 1 Four times
	RECEIVING		
8 at Phoe (10-22-89) 7 Det (12-24-89) 5 at Min (12-10-89)	66 N.E. (10-15-89) 61 at Rams (10-8-89) 57 at Phoe (10-22-89)	46 N.E. (10-15-89) 22 at Rams (10-8-89) 20 Wash (12-17-89)	
	KOR RETURNS		
	77 N.E. (10-15-89) 76 Dall (12-30-90)	76t Dall (12-30-90) 29 N.E. (10-15-89)	1 Dall (12-30-90)
	Combined Total Yards (5 over 100) 149 N.E. (10-15-89) (6 rush, 66 rec., 77 ret.) 123 at Min (12-10-89) (21 rush, 37 rec., 65 ret.)		

Texas
3rd Year
Ht.: 5'7"
Wt.: 145
Born: 12-30-65

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, April 1, 1992

Tony
JONES
WIDE RECEIVER
83

Last Season

The Falcons landed a coveted Plan B prospect when they signed Tony Jones away from the Oilers. The speedy Jones will be looked upon to provide a complement to Michael Haynes on the right side. He played in all 16 games for the talent-laden receiving corps (Givens, Jeffires, Hill, Duncan) in Houston a year ago. Tony finished with 19 receptions for 251 yards and two touchdowns. His 13.2 yards per catch average was the second highest on the team and the lightening-quick performer boasted the Oilers longest reception of the season with a 68-yarder off the hands of Cody Carlson against the Bengals. The ex-Texas wide out was one of the long distance threats in a 'run and shoot' offense that was the fourth highest scoring unit in the NFL (with 386 points scored). His experience in a similar style offense in Atlanta should prove beneficial.

Pro Career

In two years in Houston, Jones hauled in 49 passes for 660 yards and eight TD's. As a rookie, he appeared in 15 games and was sixth on the club with 30 receptions for 409 yards and a 13.9 average. His first NFL catch was a touchdown from 15 yards out at Fulton County Stadium on Sept. 9, 1990. He added five touchdowns to his tally for a total of six scores in his initial season. He recorded a season-long best of 47 yards and also had a 33-yard scoring grab to his credit. Tony's five-catch outing versus the Browns as a rookie is still a personal best.

Notebook

Jones is reunited with former Oiler teammate Drew Hill as the pair fled Houston for the Plan B market. Tony is one of the fastest players in the NFL as he takes his blazing 4.27 speed in the 40 onto the new turf at the Georgia Dome. He competed in the "NFL's Fastest Man" competition in 1990. The small but sturdy performer will play opposite Olympic Trial speedster Michael Haynes to provide the birds with another deadly deep threat in the Red Gun attack. This all-around athlete once qualified for the NCAA track championships and was a member of the Longhorns basketball team under coach Tom Penders that advanced to the NCAA tournament. His athletic career after high school started on the basketball court at Angelina (TX) Junior College before transferring to Texas to play major college football. The speed merchant was a runner-up in the 200 meter dash at the SWC Track Championships and qualified for the NCAA Championship in that event and the 100 meter dash.

College

Before he left the Austin, Texas campus, Tony would place his name first in yards, 100-yard games and second in receptions. He caught 108 throws for 1,842 yards for a 17.1 average with 11 TD's, and ran back 22 kickoffs for 466 yards, and three punts for 30 yards. As a senior, he tallied 30 catches for 449 yards and two TD's while running eight times for 104 yards and a score. During his junior year, he had a career-best, 42 receptions to tie Eric Metcalf for the team lead with 838 yards and two TD's in 11 starts. The first team All-SWC selection had six catches for 177 yards versus Texas Tech and on the season's final weekend grabbed six aerials for 139 yards with a 76-yard TD against Texas A&M. His second season for Texas included: a game winning 18-yard TD grab with 1:48 left vs. Arkansas, five catches for 173 yards and TD's of 71 and 62 yards vs. Houston, and eight receptions for 242 yards with touchdowns of 77 and 40 yards in a Bluebonnet Bowl win over Pittsburgh.

Personal

A Texas native all of his life, Anthony Bernard excelled at Grapeland (TX) High School in football, basketball and track. The explosive open field runner gained 1,200 yards as a senior, including returning four punts and four kickoffs for touchdowns. He also made his mark in track by earning a state individual title in the 200 meter dash as a junior. His high school exploits were recognized by the city of Grapeland as the town held, "Tony Jones Day" in 1991.

Career Statistics

1990	Hou	15/1	30	409	13.6	47	6
1991	Hou	16/1	19	251	13.2	68t	2
Total		31/1	49	660	13.5	68t	8
Playoffs Totals:							
1990		1/1	0	0	0	0	0
1991		2/1	1	19	19.9	19	0

Jones' Personal Bests			
Catches	Yards	Long	TD
5 Clev (12-9-90) 4 at KC (12-16-90)	93 at Cin (9-8-91) 66 LA Raid (9-1-91)	68t at Cin (9-8-91)	2 at KC (12-16-90)

NFL PERSONNEL FACTS

Waivers

The waiver system is a procedure by which player contracts or NFL rights to players are made available by a club to other clubs in the League. During the procedure the 27 other clubs either file claims to obtain the players or waive the opportunity to do so—thus the term "waiver." Claiming clubs are assigned players on a priority based on the inverse of won-and-lost standing. The claiming period normally is 10 days during the offseason and 24 hours from early July through December. In some circumstances, another 24 hours is added on to allow the original club to rescind its action (known as a recall of a waiver request) and/or the claiming club to do the same (known as withdrawal of a claim). If a player passes through waivers unclaimed and is not recalled by the original club, he becomes a free agent. All waivers from July through December are no recall and no withdrawal. Under the Collective Bargaining Agreement, from February 1 through October 16, any veteran who has acquired four years of pension credit may, if about to be assigned to another club through the waiver system, reject such assignment and become a free agent. On Sept. 22, 1992, priority on waiver claiming is based on current standings.

Active List

The Active List is the principal status for players participating for a club. It consists of all players under contract, including option, who are eligible for preseason, regular season, and postseason games. In 1992, teams will be permitted to open training camp with no more than 80 players under contract and thereafter must meet a series of mandatory roster reductions prior to the season opener. Teams will be permitted to dress up to 45 players for each regular season and postseason game during the 1992 season; in addition, each club will have an Inactive List of two players. Maximum roster limits and dates for 1992 are:

August 25 ..... active list of 60 players, 4 p.m.
August 31 .... active list of 45 players (plus two-player Inactive List), Final 47, Noon

In addition to the Active List limits described above, there also is an overall roster limit of 80 players that is applicable to players on a club's Active, Inactive, or Exempt Lists, and any players on Reserve as Injured, Physically Unable to Perform, Non-Football Illness/Injury, and Suspended.

Practice Squad

Will consist of five rookie or first-year players and will begin on August 27, after waivers clear from the final 47-player cut. All players will have cleared Waivers before

being signed. They are eligible to practice with the team, but must sign a full contract before playing in a game. An activation move is not required for a practice player to move to the regular roster. Any NFL team can sign a player off any other team's practice roster.

Reserve List

The Reserve List is a status for players who, for reasons of injury, retirement, military service, or other circumstances, are not immediately available for participation with a club. Players on Reserve/Injured after the final cut date are not eligible to practice or return to the Active List until six regular-season games have been played.

Each club will have five free activations for players placed on Reserve/Injured after the final cutdown. Players also can be returned to the club's Active List if they clear Procedural Recall waivers. Any player placed on Reserve/Injured prior to or concurrent with the final cutdown may not return to the club nor practice with the team that year. Clubs participating in postseason competition will be granted an additional activation for each postseason game, provided they have exhausted all previous activations.

Players in the category of Reserve/Retired/Did Not Report, or Reserve/Veteran Free Agent Asked to Re-Sign may not be reinstated during the period from 30 days before the end of the regular season through the postseason.

Trades

Unrestricted trading between the AFC and NFC is allowed in 1992 through October 8, after which trading of player contracts/rights will end until January 27, 1993.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

The following procedures will be used to break standing ties for postseason playoffs and to determine regular-season schedules.

To Break a Tie Within a Division

If, at the end of the regular season, two or more clubs in the same division finish with identical won-lost-tied percentages, the following steps will be taken until a champion is determined.

Two Clubs

1. Head-to-head (best won-lost-tied percentage in games between the clubs).
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the division.
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
4. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games, if applicable.
5. Best net points in division games.
6. Best net points in all games.
7. Strength of schedule.
8. Best net touchdowns in all games.
9. Coin toss.

Three or More Clubs

(Note: If one team wins multiple-team tiebreaker to advance to playoff round, remaining teams revert to step 1 of applicable two-club format, i.e., either in division tiebreaker or Wild Card tiebreaker. If two teams in a multiple-team tie possess superior marks in a tiebreaking step, this pair of teams revert to top of applicable two-club format to break tie. One team advances to playoff round, while other returns to original group and step 1 of applicable tiebreaker).

1. Head-to-head (best won-lost-tied percentage in games among the clubs).
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the division.
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
4. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games.
5. Best net points in division games.
6. Best net points in all games.
7. Strength of schedule.
8. Best net touchdowns in all games.
9. Coin toss.

To Break a Tie for the Wild Card Team

If it is necessary to break ties to determine the three Wild Card clubs from each conference, the following steps will be taken.

1. If the tied clubs are from the same division, apply division tiebreaker.
2. If the tied clubs are from different divisions, apply the following steps.

Two Clubs

1. Head-to-head, if applicable.
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games, minimum of four.
4. Best average net points in conference games.
5. Best net points in all games.
6. Strength of schedule.
7. Best net touchdowns in all games.
8. Coin toss.

OPENING DAY

In 26 season openers, the Atlanta Falcons have a 14-12 record. At home, the mark is 6-5, on the road, it's 8-7. In openers, the Falcons have scored a club records 62 points (vs. New Orleans, '73) and they have a day when they were shut out (Dallas, '74). On defense, they've posted a shutout (New Orleans, '81) and allowed as many as 48 (Tampa Bay, '87). In the 1980's, the Falcons were 5-5 and so far in the '90's, they are 1-2. The club lost their first three season openers, finally winning one in 1969 (vs. San Francisco). The most common opening opponent has been New Orleans (six times and all six are Falcon wins).

Michigan
15th Year
Ht.: 6'7"
Wt.: 280
Born: 2-9-56

Acquisition: 1st Round, 13th overall, 1978 Draft

Mike
KENN
TACKLE
78

Last Season

Kenn went about his unsual business of securing the Falcons left flank in his 14th season on the job. He missed only one game (Washington in Week 11) due to a partially torn knee ligament but the birds run to the Playoffs couldn't keep this cagey veteran out of the lineup. Despite facing some of the NFL's best outside rushers, he allowed only a single sack all season and that came in the second to last weekend against Seattle (and Tony Woods). Mike completely shut down the League's top sacker and Defensive Player of the Year TWICE last year as Pat Swilling of the Saints never registered a sack when facing the formidable Kenn. His dominating pass blocking allowed the Falcons to set a team record by giving up only 31 sacks in 531 passing attempts. He bulldozed holes so the club could total over 300 yards of offense in 11 games, pass for over 200 yards 11 times, and rush for over 100 yards in 8 contests. Mike helped his quarterback (Chris Miller) and wide receiver (Andre Rison) teammates get to the Pro Bowl while he was picked as an alternate. But honors abounded for the former #1 pick from Michigan as he was chosen to the coveted Associated Press' first team All-Pro squad, All-NFL by Pro Football Weekly, All-Pro by Football News and Football Digest and to the first team All-NFC by UPI.

Pro Career

Mike has shown that he gets better with age as he now stands behind only Jeff Van Note in games played and seasons of service in Falcons history with 205 and 14, respectively. He has performed in all six Playoff games in Falcon history with the pair of contests last year. Kenn has been voted to five Pro Bowls, second most by an Atlanta lineman, and was termed the League's top lineman by many from 1980-84. His 90 consecutive games started streak is the third longest in team annals. Mike has always been one of the best conditioned players on the team due to a concentrated effort to work-out year round. His intense training habits could be the reason his partially torn knee ligaments last season weren't career-threatening as was feared. He's only missed an incredible eight games in 14 years and the most time he's been out of action was five games in '85 because of torn knee ligaments. He's been in the lineup during the top three rushing seasons and the top three passing years in Falcon history. Mike has opened up holes to allow such players as Steve Bartkowski, William Andrews, Alfred Jenkins, Billy Johnson, Gerald Riggs and John Settle to go on to the Pro Bowl. Kenn was there as Andre Rison set a team record for most catches in a season and during Chris Miller's 37 of 66 passing effort.

Notebook

When Kenn witnessed Michael Haynes' last second Hail Mary catch that defeated the 49ers, he experienced a sense of Deja Vu. Mike was in the lineup in 1983 when the Falcons turned in their second Big Ben play in franchise history to edge those same Niners. Besides his exploits against Pat Swilling, Mike has also shutout the likes of perennial All-Pro Lawrence Taylor (no sacks, 4 tackles), and Super Bowl MVP Harvey Martin (no sacks in '81 playoffs), among others. He's protected Falcons passers, who've recorded 5, 3,000-yard seasons, and opened holes for Falcon runners, who've had 8, 1,000-yard rushing campaigns. The active community participant won the 25th annual Byron "Whizzer" White Award for his outstanding civic duties to put him in the company of such past winners like Bart Starr, Gale Sayers and Franco Harris. Mike continues to visit local hospitals and he and his wife, Joanie, have been instrumental in organizing the Falcons' annual charity event, "Holiday Evening With The Stars," which has raised over $50,000 each year for the Starlight Foundation (grants wishes to seriously ill children.) He is the team's spokesman for TEAM Georgia (Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management) and a colorful speaker for boys and girls youth clubs. He received a proclamation from the Atlanta City Council for a benefit he helped coordinate that raised over $450,000 for two paralyzed police officers (J.J. Biello and Richard Williams). He's also on the board of trustees for Starlight Foundation and was the winner of the 1991 "Peach of an Athlete" award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Honors

1991: All-Pro - AP, PFWA, Football News, Football Digest
All-NFL - Pro Football Weekly
All-NFC - UPI

1990: All-Pro, Sports Illustrated
AP Honorable Mention All-Pro

1984: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (5th)
All-NFC UPI (second team)

1983: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL Pro Football Weekly
All-NFL College & Pro Weekly (second team)
All-NFC UPI (second team)

1982: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All NFL College & Pro Weekly
All NFL AP, NEA (second team)
All NFC UPI

1981: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL AP, NEA
(second team)
All-NFC UPI

1980: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl
All-NFL AP, UPI
All-NFL Pro Football
Writers Assn., NEA

1978: All-NFL Rookie - Pro
Football Writers Assn.

College

Playing for Bo Schembechler at Michigan, Mike was a All-America as a senior and a member of two Rose Bowl teams that captured a pair of Big 10 titles. He built himself into a starter in his third game as a sophomore by beefing up in the chow lines after coming to Ann Arbor as a 207-pound freshman (and worked his way up to 235 lbs.). He received his B.A. degree in General Studies.

Personal

Michael Lee was born and reared in Evanston, Illinois near Chicago. He performed as an offensive tackle on one side of the line and then played defensive end on the other for Evanston High School. Other sports he participated in at the prep level included hockey (defenseman) and lacrosse (center defenseman). A workout nut, he insists on finding a weight room close by

even when he goes on vacation. Kenn's culinary tastes began in college and continue today. He swears by his Super Bowl chili (which takes four days to prepare) and pastas. The Kenn family has four members with wife, Joanie, and daughters, Lisa,6, and Kristy, 2.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 204/204 (6/6), 189/189: (4/4), 1978 (16/16), 1979 (16/16), 1980 (16/16), 1981 (16/16), 1982 (9/9), 1983 (16/16), 1984 (14/14), 1985 (11/11), 1986 (16/16), 1987 (12/12), 1988 (16/16), 1987 (15/15), 1990 (16/16), 1991 (15/15) (2/2)

Colorado State
4th Year
Ht.: 6'4"
Wt.: 245
Born: 7-14-63

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, April 1, 1991

Harper

LE BEL

TE/SNAPPER

88

Last Season

Harper's third season in the NFL, with his fourth NFL team, was stopped after three games due to a fractured right wrist suffered against the San Diego Chargers in Week 3. He spent the entire rest of the '91 campaign on Injured Reserve. Le Bel performed the long snapping duties for the birds all preseason and in their first three outings. He is the front-runner to carry out those responsibilities this season.

Pro Career

Harper joined Buddy Ryan's Eagles as a Plan B free agent from Seattle in '90 and was termed "the NFL's best long snapper" by his former coach. Le Bel performed the snapping tasks for punts, field goals and extra points in all 16 games for Philadelphia and also saw action in their short yardage offense as well as on kickoff and kickoff return teams. He made 10 special teams tackles on the year. The back-up tight end also snared his first and only NFL pass for a nine yard gain. Le Bel was a 12th round draft choice of the Kansas City Chiefs in 1985. He was switched to center in his first NFL training camp with the Chiefs but had trouble adjusting to the change. After being released, he had various tryouts before catching on with the Chargers replacement squad in 1987. He was invited to the Cowboys and Bucs camps in 1988 but was released before the season began. After signing a free agent contract with the Seahawks in 1989, he made the club as the team's snapper and situational tight end.

Notebook

Harper received his bachelor of arts degree in business administration and marketing from Colorado State. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and his father is a flight analyst pilot. He began to experiment with long snapping in high school as he was religated to the sidelines for his first two years with Osgood-Schlatter disease (involves leg muscle growth). He was featured in a public service spot for the state of Pennslyvania's Special Olympics to promote a masquerade party which benefited research for the disease.

College

The big target still ranks fourth in career receptions in the Colorado State annals with 89 (for 1,057 yards). His 59 catches (for 729 yards) as a junior is also the fourth-best single season school mark. Harper was an All-Western Athletic Conference honorable mention honoree for two years for the Rams.

Personal

Brian Harper was a football, basketball, baseball and track standout at Notre Dame High School in Granda Hills, CA. He spends his spare time playing the guitar. He has a brother, Robbie, and a sister, Maureen and lives in Sherman Oaks, CA in the offseason.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: 37/0 1987; 2/0 1989; 16/0 1990; 3/0 1 catch for 9 yards, 12 special teams tackles

TCU
9th Year
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 230
Born: 3-21-61

Acquisition: Waivers, Oct. 18, 1990

Robert
LYLES
LINEBACKER
54

Last Season

In his second season in Atlanta, Robert started 14 of his 16 games played in the Black Wave de[illegible]se at his familiar outside linebacker position. He totaled 51 tackles on the year with 9 QB pressures and 3 passes defensed. Lyles' best outing last season was against the Saints as he registered 10 tackles, a QB pressure and a pass defensed. In the playoff grudge match at the Superdome, the heady Lyles recovered Ken McAfee's fumble at the Saints 30-yard line with seven minutes left and the scored tied 20-20. The rain and mud in Washington didn't stop the veteran from TCU from making 8 tackles, despite spraining his knee earlier in the game.

Pro Career

A veteran of eight NFL years, Lyles has withstood the weekly wars to play in 110 games with exactly 100 starts to his credit. A solid contributor on three Houston Oiler playoff teams, he received the starting call in 71 straight (non-strike) games from 1985-89. "Captain Video" led the defense with 132 and 135 tackle seasons, respectively, from 1985-86, while helping to turn around the fortunes of a team that experienced six consecutive losing seasons. He's performed in seven playoff games in his career thanks to a pair of postseason encounters a year ago. His NFL totals are impressive with his 610 tackles, 10 sacks, 10 interceptions, 7 FR and 4 FF. Robert played in all 16 games last year for the fourth time in his productive career.

Notebook

Robert is the one who first called the Houston Oilers home, the "House of Pain," at mid-field during the coin toss of a game at the Astrodome and the popular nickname continues today. He will no doubt be counted on for leadership in choosing a proper moniker for the Falcons new Georgia Dome. The easygoing Lyles goes by a catchy nickname himself of "Captain Video." He received the name from Coach Glanville who appreciated the young rookie taking game film home to study. His name is in the NFL record book for the 8th longest fumble return in League history by scooping up a Larry Kinnebrew miscue and rambling 93 yards for a score. Even though he's in the "thirty something" crowd now, Robert will always be in the fast lane, turning heads with his slick 1989 white Chevrolet Corvette.

College

Originally a running back at Texas Christian for two years, the agile Lyles shifted to linebacker and proceeded to finish fifth on the squad as a senior with 89 tackles. He also was a down defensive end for some of his last college season and added three sacks and nine tackles for losses. One of his biggest thrills as a Horned Frog was scampering 80 yards for a score off a fumble return against rival Texas. The amiable Lyles, who went by the name of "Roger Ram Jet," won the team's annual leadership award.

Personal

Robert Damon was a stellar football, basketball, baseball and track athlete at Belmont High School in Los Angeles. Lyles was twice named to the All-City of LA team and All-District in football. He lives by his nickname by watching all kinds of videos. He also likes to dabble in photography in his spare time when he's not spending quality time with his wife, Pam, daughter, Delisa and son, Bryan. The Lyles family shuttle between Houston, Sugarland, Texas, and brief stops in California in the offseason.

Career Statistics

			Tackles						
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Int.	FF	FR
1984	Hou	6/0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
1985	Hou	16/16	132	61	71	0	0	0	0
1986	Hou	16/16	135	78	57	3	2	1	1
1987	Hou	12/12	82	57	25	2	2	1	3
1988	Hou	16/16	92	58	34	1.5	2	0	2
1989	Hou	13/13	65	43	22	2	4	2	0
1990	Hou/Atl	14/13	51	22	29	1.5	0	0	1
1991	Atl	16/14	51	18	33	0	0	0	0
Totals		109/100	610	339	271	10	10	4	7

Career Statistics

Playoff Totals:									
1987	Hou	2/2	0	0	0	.5	0	0	0
1988	Hou	2/2	8	6	2	0	0	0	0
1989	Hou	1/1	8	6	2	0	0	0	0
1991	Atl	2/2	10	2	8	0	0	0	0
Totals		7/7	26	14	12	.5	0	0	0

Lyles Personal Bests

Tackles	Int.	Sacks	TD
15 Clev (12-18-88) 14 Cin (12-1-85) 12 Giants (12-8-85)	2 Pho (11-20-88) Clev (11-30-86)	2 K.C. (9-21-86)	1 93-yd FR Cin (10-19-86)

Texas-Arlington
7th Year
Ht.: 6'0"
Wt.: 174
Born: 9-5-63

Acquisition: Trade with Miami, April 21, 1991

Tim
McKYER
CORNERBACK
22

Last Season

It was another solid year for a solid veteran as Tim McKyer proved his worth in the Falcons tight man-to-man coverage schemes in his first season in Atlanta. Tim and teammate Deion Sanders were considered a formidable enough pair in 1991 to be considered one of the best cornerback tandems in the League as they combined for an NFL-high 12 interceptions. His efforts were recognized by College and Pro Football Newsweekly when they tabbed them to their All-Pro second team. Tim's 61 tackles were the third-best among Falcon defensive backs and his 12 passes defensed were second only to Sanders' 14. He clinched the birds victory over the Raiders by picking off a pass in the end zone with 1:36 left. His two interceptions in the final quarter doomed his former team and sealed the birds victory at San Francisco in Week 7. He ran his consecutive interception run to three games as he collected thefts against the Cardinals (Week 8) and Rams (Week 9). Tim was involved in one of the most exciting plays of the NFL season in Week 16 versus the Seahawks as he picked off a Dave Krieg pass and then pitched it to

Sanders who sped 55-yards for a touchdown. In the Playoffs, the scenario repeated itself as McKyer's theft with 1:10 remaining finished off the Saints in the Superdome. But he wasn't through, he again tossed his pickoff to Sanders who darted for 32 yards before lateraling illegally and ending the play.

Pro Career

Tim made it six straight years with a Playoff appearance as he helped his third NFL team advance to the post season. He broke into the League as a third round choice of the 49ers and left with two Super Bowl rings ('88-'89), while leading the club in passes defensed three out of four times. He was traded to the Dolphins for a second rounder in '91 (Niners drafted Rickey Watters) and an 11th rounder in '90 (Anthony Shelton). The Falcons surrendered a 3rd (Aaron Carver) and 12th round (Joe Brunson) selections to the Dolphins for McKyer. His teams have boasted 8 wins out of 12 Playoff games with his presence in the secondary. The crafty veteran upped his lifetime passes defensed total to an impressive 92 in 83 games to go along with his 26 career thefts.

Year-by-Year

1990: He paced the Dolphins with 17 passes defensed and had four pickoffs while making 44 total tackles. He helped Miami improve to 5th in the NFL in pass defense. His top outings were a two theft game against Pittsburgh, a forced fumble, three passes defensed and four tackles versus Patriots, a seven-tackle affair against Jets and a crucial interception at his own four-yard line to save contest versus the Seahawks.

1989: Tim played in seven games for the 49ers recording 12 tackles, three passes defensed and one interception. His season started out slow due to contract problems in training camp and a groin pull which saw him sit out Weeks 2-4. He managed to pick off two passes in the Playoffs, including a 27-yard return in the NFC Championship vs. Rams, and was credited with a pair of passes defensed in the Super Bowl XXIV against the Broncos.

1988: A starter in all 16 games for the World Champion Niners, he totaled 39 tackles, a team-leading seven thefts, and 19 passes defensed. A second-team All-NFC pick by UPI, he made six tackles vs. Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII.

1987: Tim logged time in 12 non-strike games and paced the club with 18 passes defensed and ended up with 35 tackles.

1986: The All-NFL rookie started 16 games, registering 52 tackles, and led all rookie DB's with six interceptions. The six pickoffs were the most by a Niner rookie since Ronnie Lott's eight in 1981. He intercepted a pass in his first NFL game and start against Tampa Bay and ran another pass back 21 yards for his initial League TD versus Indy.

Notebook

Tim McKyer is many things, but most of all he's a survivor. He fought through the temptations of growing up in housing projects in Orlando and Port Arthur, Texas. His father passed away when he was just two-years old and by the time he was seven he was doing a number of odd jobs to help support the family. His learned the gift of gab by going door-to-door as a youngster, sweet-talking neighbors into letting him take out their garbage or cut their grass. "T-Mac" has used his athletic ability to escape the pitfalls of poverty. He chose to go to college at Texas-Arlington instead of the likes of Oklahoma and Texas Tech because he thought if he didn't make it in the NFL then he could make some good future contacts in the high-profile city of Dallas. McKyer impressed Coach Glanville when he visited the Falcons Suwanee offices prior to the trade as

he dressed in black shirt, black pants, black cowboy boots and black sunglasses trimmed with the same black anaconda snakeskin as his boots. Tim received some glowing remarks from former All-Pro Lester Hayes who said..."It's obvious Tim and Deion have a game plan when they take the field. Neither one of them is a guestimator. They're both anticipators. He plays like (ex-Raider All-Pro) Mike Haynes. It's obvious when you watch Tim McKyer play that he is a very, very bright guy." Tim feels he and Deion are similiar in many ways. "We both have a lot of confidence, a flair for the game, and we both enjoy going out there and playing."

College

Tim excelled for the Mavericks of the University of Texas at Arlington, starting three straight years. An All-Southland Conference choice as a junior and senior, he amassed 115 career tackles and 10 interceptions. He also split time as a punt returner and part-time wide receiver. McKyer ran back 45 punts for 323 yards, with one touchdown, and caught four passes for 107 yards with two scores. The computer science major collected a career-best five interceptions during his junior season.

Personal

McKyer has always taken a keen interest in the community wherever he's been. In Miami, he was a frequent speaker to prisoners at a Dade County jail as well as at Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church every Saturday. He provided a source of motivation for a youth group called, the Mount Carmel Cadets, often times teaching them the value of education. He collected about $3,000 from his Miami teammates to pay for tutors and field trips for his group. Tim hails from a family of seven brothers and two sisters with a strong influence from mother, Lillie. He played football, basketball, and track at Port Arthur High School. Tim continued to help out the family during the summer in college by working on a loading dock. The first thing he did when he signed his pro contract was buy his mother a four bedroom, three-bath house, and a new Oldsmobile 98. Timothy Bernard recently married his high school sweetheart, Fontella, and bought a house in Atlanta.

Career Statistics

			Tackles			Interceptions				
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Asst.	No.	Yds.	LG	TD	PD
1986	SF	16/16	52	45	7	6	33	21t	1	23
1987	SF	12/12	35	29	6	2	0	0	0	18
1988	SF	16/16	39	37	2	7	11	4	0	19
1989	SF	7/1	12	11	1	1	18	18	0	3
1990	Mia	16/16	44	37	7	4	40	21	0	17
1991	Atl	16/16	61	47	14	6	24	24	0	12
Totals		83/77	243	206	37	26	126	24	1	92
Playoff Totals:										
1986	SF	1/1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	
1987	SF	1/1	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	
1988	SF	3/3	10	10	0	0	0	0	2	
1989	SF	3/3	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	
1990	Mia	2/2	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	
1991	Atl	2/2	6	6	0	1	0	0	1	
Totals		12/12	32	31	1	3	0	0	7	

McKyer's Personal Bests

Tackles	Int.	LG	Pass. Def.
9 at G.B. (10-26-86) 7 Jets (10-7-90) 6 Sea (12-16-90)	2 SF (10-13-91) 2 Rams (12-19-86) Minn. (10-30-88) at Pitt. (9-30-90)	24 at SF (10-13-91) 21t Ind. (10-5-86) at Pitt. (9-30-90)	5 Den (10-8-88) 3 Rams (12-17-86) Hou. (11-8-87) Clev. (11-29-87)

CORNER-ing THE OPPOSITION

Top Interception Tandems		NFC Indiv. Leaders		Team	Comp. %
McKyer-Sanders, Atl	**12**	**McKyer, Atl**	**6**	Phil	44.1%
Odomes-Jackson, Buff	9	**Sanders, Atl**	**6**	Den	51.7%
Green-Mayhew, Wash	8	Crockett, Det	6	**Atl**	**52.4%**
Buck-Cook, NO	8	Williams, Pho	6	NO	52.7%

Oregon
6th Year
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 205
Born: 8-9-65

Acquisition: 1st Round, 13th overall, 1987 Draft

Chris
MILLER
QUARTERBACK
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Last Season

In the '91 summer training camp, an Atlanta newspaper stated that Chris Miller was a "Quarterback at the Crossroads" as he entered his fifth NFL season at the Falcon helm. By all indications Miller passed the test with high grades as he matured to Pro Bowl level and drove the birds into the Playoffs. Over the final nine games when the Falcons were making a Playoff push, Atlanta's "Top Gun" led the birds to an 8-1 record while posting some lofty numbers: 103.7 rating, 126-224, 1,953 yards, 56.3%, 20 TD, 6 INT. Chris also had a streak where he threw two or more TD passes in SEVEN CONSECUTIVE games and LED ALL NFL QB'S IN PER RUSH AVERAGE WITH A 7.2 MARK. He completed eight passes of 40 or more yards and 14 passes of 30 or more yards in the Red Gun passing attack and was THIRD IN THE LEAGUE IN TD PASSES WITH A PERSONAL-BEST OF 26. Check the weekly progress of the No. 1 pick from Oregon and the Falcons second Pro Bowl signal-caller in team history.

1991 SEASON RECAP

Week 2 vs. Minnesota

He collected his first 300-yard passing game of the season by completing 27 of 41 passes and two touchdowns in a one-point loss. A controversial third passing TD was overruled by a referee.

Week 4 vs. Raiders

Miller completed 17-31 passes for 242 yards and accounted for the winning margin by hitting Haynes on a 46-yard TD in the 4th quarter for a hard-fought victory.

Week 7 at San Francisco

Chris tossed three TD passes, with no interceptions, in helping the birds to a huge win on the road to get the Falcons back on the winning track. He ran an offense that amassed 368 total yards, 39 points, and 19 first downs.

Week 9 vs. LA Rams

Miller's precision, pin-point passing was a career-best as he rifled 14 of 19 completions (73.7%) for 237 yards and three scores, including a 55-yarder, in three quarters before leaving with a big lead. His QB rating, aided by another no interception outing, was also a career-high 150.0 as he guided the Falcons to a 4-4 halfway mark after starting out the season 0-2.

Week 13 at New Orleans

In front of a nationally televised audience, Miller rallied the Falcons from a 10-point deficit in the 4th quarter for the OT victory. He completed two scoring passes to Michael Haynes, including a career-long of 80-yards, and an 18-yarder to force OT with under two minutes remaining. He engineered the game winning drive at the Falcons two-yard line in the extra period and hit Haynes on a big 57-yarder to give the birds room to operate.

Week 14 vs. Packers

In his most determined effort of the season, Chris battled the flu and a 103 degree temperature to lead a comeback victory. He came off the trainers table at halftime to throw for 186 yards (12-18) and engineer three second half touchdowns. He took the team down the field 85 yards for a score on his first possession and never looked back. The clutch performance was capped off when Miller hit Rison with the game-winner with :41 left.

Week 15 vs. LA Rams

Chris guided the birds to only their second win ever against the Rams on the road by shredding the secondary on 19-28 passing for 271 yards and a pair of TD's. He threw a strike to Haynes for a 52-yard completion.

Week 16 vs. Seahawks

He pitched another shutout in the interception department and had three key scrambles for first downs as he led a balanced attack as the club triumphed for the fifth straight time and earned a Playoff berth for the first time in nine years.

Week 17 at Cowboys

He closed out the season in fashion with three TD's, including bombs of 67-yards and 43-yards to Haynes, and totaled 325-yards in the air in a close defeat. Chris drove the team down the field to claim the NFC West title in the closing minutes, only to have the game end in controversy, as the referees negated his game winning toss to Deion Sanders. Once again, for the seventh time of the year, he went through an entire game without throwing a pick.

Playoffs at New Orleans

Miller was impressive in his Playoff debut by hitting on 60% of his passes (18-30) for 291 yards and three TD strikes to finish with a 111.9 QB rating on the day. In the crucial second half, he connected on 11 of 17 for 173 yards, including the game-deciding 61-yard TD to Haynes on a blitz. He was the architect of three key drives (11-80), (9-84), (11-45) and had crucial scrambles of 12 and 9 yards, as the birds captured their first Playoff win on the road in team history.

Pro Bowl '92

Chris put the finishing touches on a Pro Bowl year by throwing the winning touchdown to Jerry Rice in the final stanza to lead the NFC to a 21-15 victory over the AFC in the annual all-star game.

Pro Career

Despite entering his sixth NFL season, Chris is a relative youngster among NFL quarterbacks as he will turn 27 in August. With his second 3,000-yard passing season in the books, Miller also surpassed 10,000 career passing yards in Week 7 vs. the Niners to place his name in some lofty company. Only Dan Marino, Joe Namath, Fran Tarkenton and Bernie Kosar, hit the 10,000 yard plateau at a younger age than Chris. The former Oregon product has moved up the Falcon record books in only five years to second place behind Steve Bartkowski in yards, completions, and attempts. He also holds the team mark for the lowest interception % in a career (3.55) and has experienced streaks of 185, 122, and 110 pass attempts without a pick. He upped his shutout streak of games without an interception for a career to 22. His QB rating has improved each season along with his experience as he boasted a career-best 80.6 in '91. Over the last two seasons, only one other NFC QB has thrown more TD passes than Miller and only four others in the entire NFL have better TD numbers (Kelly - 57, Moon - 56, Marino - 46, and Rypien - 44).

Year-By-Year

1990: Miller was 4th in the NFL in passing yards behind Moon, Montana, and Everett with 2,735, before being felled with a broken collarbone at Tampa Bay which ended his season. He was named NFC Offensive Player of the Week for his personal-best 366 yards (23-44) in a dramatic victory over the Saints. His other 300-yard passing game came at the hands of the Niners (25-41-337). Chris' 57.2% season completion rate was a career-high and he went through a stretch where he threw 10 TD's and had only one theft (Weeks 5-8). He also set a then-personal record with his 17 TD's through the air and a long pass of 75t.

1989: Chris led NFL in lowest interception % at 1.9, with streaks of 185 and 122 passes without an interception. He became only the second QB in team history to pass for 3,000 yards as he totaled 3,459 (third highest total ever), which ranked 5th in NFL. He registered three, 300-yard passing games and in the season finale against Detroit attempted 66 passes (2nd most ever in League history) for a club record 37 completions. Miller also chipped in with some fancy footwork as he booted a 25-yard field goal at San Francisco.

1988: In 13 games, he passed for 2,133 yards, the most since Bartkowski in 1984. He posted a 5-5 mark in the games he started and finished, losing the three he had to leave with injuries. He had ankle and elbow injuries and a concussion that took him out of action. Highlights included a win over the soon to be World Champion 49ers at Candlestick (34-17) and road wins over the Eastern Champion Eagles and the L.A. Raiders. His 3.4 interception rate was lower than big name QB's like Esiason, Marino, Kelly, Elway or Everett. Chris had his first NFL three-TD game at the Eagles (no interceptions).

1987: Some "experts" thought him being picked in the first round (third QB) was a "reach" and that the club should have taken others like those chosen right after him (D. J. Dozier, John Clay, John Bosa). Then, contract talks bogged down and he missed all of camp and didn't sign until Oct. 30. In the final three games, Chris was thrown into battle starting at halftime vs. the Rams with the team down 26-0. His second half was 10-20 for 170. Then, the 3-10 Falcons went to San Francisco to face the Division champs and Chris got the start. It was a 13-36 for 186-yard day (most by a Falcon QB in his first start), but with the blitzing 49ers and a big lead, he was sacked three times and threw four interceptions. The season finale was his home debut, another uphill struggle that was a 196-yard day with his first NFL TD pass vs. Detroit and another four-interception outing.

Notebook

Miller silenced any doubts about his ability to fight back from a major injury with his strong showing in '91. In Week 13 at Tampa Bay during the '90 season, Chris was flushed from the pocket and tackled hard by a Buc defender, then Keith McCants fell on his right collarbone. His season was over with a broken collarbone but his resolve to come back even stronger couldn't be broken. Miller earned a spot on the Pro Bowl team last year, becoming the first Falcons QB to go to Hawaii since Bartkowski in 1981. Chris has suffered through a variety of injuries during his career (sprained knee, bruised chest, sprained ankle, cracked ribs) but has totaled 56 lifetime starts. As Miller sweated through the flu and a 103 degree temperature in the locker room in the first half versus the Packers, his teammates sweated out a 14 point halftime deficit. In a case of true grit, Chris took two bags of IV solution, put on his uniform, and fought through his sickness to lead the Falcons to the comeback victory. He begins his third year in full command of the team's Red Gun attack, which places emphasis on a quarterback's reads to be successful. "This offense focuses on the quarterback," he said, "I've got to execute my position. How I go, is how the team goes." Chris was the team's United Way representative for two seasons and his spot won a national Tilly Award. He has presented a check to the Children's Miracle Network the last two years for $100 for every TD pass.

Pro Baseball Career

Chris opted to bypass an offer from the Toronto Blue Jays after he was drafted by the AL East club out of high school (June of '83). In June of 1985, he was picked on the fifth round by the Seattle Mariners and accepted their offer of a pro contract. He didn't get a chance to showcase his talents until a year later because of a broken right throwing hand. His first taste of minor league ball came at Bellingham of the Northwest League in 1986 as he hit .556 and provided a steady glove at shortstop. He was promoted to the California League with the Salinas affiliate and ran into Major League veterans such as Steve Howe, Mike Norris and faced John Candelaria in his first at-bat. He batted .101 with a .933 fielding percentage in 27 games that summer but decided his future probably was at quarterback and not shortstop.

College

"Miller Time" was a popular theme around the Oregon campus as the local product broke the records of Dan Fouts, Norm Van Broklin, and former Falcon Bob Berry with his 6,681 yards. Before his career was over he shattered 13 school records en route to becoming the first conference quarterback out of the PAC-10 since Jim Plunkett (1969-70) to garner a first-team nod for two straight years. His best college outings were a 376-yard day against powerful USC and a 368-yard effort which included four TD's versus San Diego State. He also totaled 49 career touchdowns in 34 starts, threw for 2,503 yards with an accuracy rate of 60.7%, and had a meger interception % of 3.8. He grabbed more attention from pro scouts when he was named the outstanding North player in the Senior Bowl and MVP of the Hula Bowl.

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Personal

As an eight-year-old, Miller received his first taste of feeling like a pro when he competed for the national title in the Punt, Pass and Kick competition at Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium. The supportive Miller clan, which often travels to see their favorite player perform, consists of Jess and Jane Miller, along with sister, Liz. Part of Chris' pregame ritual is a call to the folks on gameday. A gym rat as a youngster, the native of Eugene, Oregon could always rely on the Walters brothers, Michael (49ers) and Tom, just down the street for any pick-up games. Chris was a star athlete in football, basketball and baseball at Sheldon High which produced the likes of former LA Raider TE Todd Christiansen. After turning his early interest to the hardwood instead of the gridiron at Sheldon, Miller called the signals for his final two years. He led his team to the Triple A Playoffs and an 8-1 mark, throwing for 1,617 yards, with 12 TD's, as a senior after an injury riddled junior year. Among his many travels as a golf enthusiast, Miller has both watched and played (shot a round of 75) at the renowned Masters in Augusta. Chris married the former Jennifer Barbisan, his college sweatheart, and lives next to Willow Springs Country Club.

Career Statistics

		Passing								Rushing				
Year	Team	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	LG	TD	Int.	Rtg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1987	Atl.	92	39	552	42.4	57	1	9	26.4	4	21	5.3	11	0
1988	Atl.	351	184	2133	52.4	68t	11	12	67.3	31	138	4.5	29	1
1989	Atl.	526	280	3459	53.2	72t	16	10	76.1	10	20	2.0	7	0
1990	Atl.	388	222	2735	57.2	75t	17	14	78.7	26	99	3.8	18	1
1991	Atl.	413	220	3103	53.3	80t	26	18	80.6	32	229	7.2	20	0
Total		1770	945	11982	53.4	80t	71	63	73.3	103	507	4.9	29	2
Playoff Totals:														
1991	2/2	62	35	469	56.6	61t	3	5	63.2	4	18	4.5	12	0

TD PASSES IN '91

Kelly, Bills	33
Rypien, Redskins	28
MILLER, Falcons	**26**
Marino, Dolphins	25
Moon, Oilers	23

TD PASSES OVER LAST TWO SEASONS

Kelly, Bills	57
Moon, Oilers	56
Marino, Dolphins	46
Rypien, Redskins	44
MILLER, Falcons	**43**

Miller's Personal Bests

Passing

Attempts	Completions	Percentage
66 Det (12-24-89)	37 Det (12-24-89)	.737 (14-19) LA Rams (10-27-91)
49 at Chi (11-11-90)	28 at Rams (10-8-89)	.724 (21-29) Dal (9-17-89)
44 at Phoe (10-22-89)	28 at Chi (11-11-90)	.722 (13-18) Cin (10-28-90)
44 NO (10-7-90)	27 Minn (9-8-91)	.718 (28-39) at Rams (10-8-89)
41 Minn (9-8-91)	25 at SF (9-23-90)	.678 (19-28) at Rams (12-8-91)
41 at SF (9-23-90)	24 at Det (9-4-88)	.667 (24-36) at Det (9-4-88)
41 at NYJ (11-26-89)	24 at Phoe (10-22-89)	.666 (12-18) GB (12-1-91)
39 at Dall (12-22-91)	23 LA Rams (9-10-89)	.633 (19-30) Hou (9-9-90)
39 at Rams (10-8-89)	23 at Pitt (11-4-90)	.622 (23-37) LA Rams (9-10-89)
38 San Diego (11-13-88)	23 NO (10-7-90)	.621 (18-29) at Rai (11-20-89)
38 at Pitt (11-4-90)		
38 Phil (11-18-90)		
38 NO (11-19-89)		
Gross Yards	**Net Yards**	**Long**
366 NO (10-7-90)	366 NO (10-7-90)	80t at NO (11-24-91)
340 at Rams (10-8-89)	324 Det (12-24-89)	75t SF (10-14-90)
337 at SF (9-23-90)	320 at SF (9-23-90)	72t Wash (12-17-89)
334 Det (12-24-89)	316 at Dall (12-22-91)	71t at Rams (10-21-90)
325 at Dall (12-22-91)	315 at Rams (10-8-89)	68t at Dall (9-25-88)
310 Wash (12-17-89)	294 Wash (12-17-89)	67t at Dall (12-22-91)
300 Minn (9-8-91)	280 Minn (9-8-91)	61 at SF (9-23-90)
299 LA Rams (9-10-89)	271 at LA Rams (12-8-91)	60 at Det (9-16-90)
291 SF (10-14-90)	271 LA Rams (10-9-89)	57 at Rams (12-13-87)
271 at LA Rams (12-8-91)	270 SF (10-14-90)	55t LA Rams (10-27-91)
268 Phil (11-18-90)	256 Phil (11-18-90)	55 Phil (11-18-90)
265 Pats (10-15-89)	243 Dal (9-17-89)	53t LA Rams (9-10-89)
		52 at Dal (9-25-88)
		52 at Rams (12-8-91)
Touchdowns	**Fewest Int.**	**Most Int.**
3 at SF (10-13-91)	0 (23 times)	4 at K.C. (9-1-91)
LA Rams (10-27-91)	1 (19 times)	4 at SF (12-20-87)
TB (11-17-91)		4 Det (12-27-87)
at Dall (12-22-91)		4 at Chi (11-11-90)
at Phil (10-30-88)		4 at Ph. (10-20-91)
SF (10-14-90)		
2 (Sixteen times)		
Times Sacked	**Rushing Yards**	**Long**
6 at NO (10-29-89)	49 at Det (9-4-88)	29 at Det (9-4-88)
5 NO (9-29-91)		
4 at Dall (9-25-88)		
4 at Phil (10-30-88)		
4 Pats (10-15-89)		
4 at NO (11-25-90)		
4 at Chi (11-11-90)		
4 at SF (9-23-90)		
4 at NO (11-24-91)		
4 NO (11-19-89)		

Maryland
4th Year
Ht.: 5'9"
Wt.: 160
Born: 2-14-65

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, April 1, 1992

James
MILLING
WIDE RECEIVER
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Last Season

James Milling was inked to a Plan B contract last year by the New York Giants after spending the previous 1990 season in Atlanta. Milling was placed on Injured Reserve a day before the Giants season opener against the Niners. He remained on IR until he was moved to the Practice Squad three weeks later (Sept. 26). James was activated to New York's regular roster for the season finale versus the Oilers, so he only saw action in one game.

Pro Career

James returns to the team that tabbed him in the 11th round of the '88 draft. As a rookie, he was forced to begin the '88 campaign on IR with an ankle injury. By Week 9, he was at full strength and one week later he grabbed his first NFL catch of seven yards vs. Packers. Milling finished with five receptions for 66 yards in getting on the field in six of the final eight games. He was released in the birds '89 training camp but was re-signed for the '90 camp. The ex-Maryland performer enjoyed his best pro season that year by hauling in 18 passes for 161 yards and one score.

College

A four-year letter winner at Maryland, he collected three, 100-yard receiving games with a school record 220 yards coming against North Carolina in 1986. He also tallied touchdown catches of 88, 77 and 18 yards in that game. For his career, the All-ACC performer amassed 82 receptions for 1,472 yards with seven TD's.

Notebook/Personal

Milling was a high school quarterback and defensive back at Potomac High School in Oxon Hill, Maryland. The oldest of three sons to James Sr., a fire fighter, and Henrietta, a receptionist, James Thomas Jr. was born in Winnsboro, South Carolina. He earned all-academic honors as well as his many accolades in football, track and basketball at the prep level. He once tossed four TD's in a high school game and was captain of the basketball and track teams. His brothers, Kent and Tony, are police officers in Washington, D.C.

Career Statistics

1988:	Atl.	6/0	5	66	13.2	34	0
1990:	Atl.	13/0	18	161	8.9	24	1
1991:	NYG	1/0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		20/0	23	227	9.9	34	1

North Texas State
2nd Year
Ht.: 5'9"
Wt.: 188
Born: 1-7-69

Acquisition: 6th Round, 145th overall, 1991 Draft

Erric
PEGRAM
RUNNING BACK
41

Last Season

Erric benefited by the 'running back by committee' philosophy that the Falcons employed in his rookie season. It provided the opportunity for Pegram to showcase his slashing and darting style of running. The first year player from North Texas State carried the load in Week 2 versus Minnesota by rushing for a personal-best 78 yards on 11 totes to lead the team. He finished his rookie season by gaining 58 yards on 12 carries at Dallas. His first NFL touchdown came on a four-yard run in the come-from-behind victory over the Packers in Week 14. For the season, he finished third on the club with 349 yards. Erric caught the eye of the coaching staff when he rambled 71 yards on 11 carries, including a slick 38-yard jaunt, in the preseason finale against the Cowboys.

College

A "Prop 48" signee at North Texas, Erric simply got better and better each year as he learned from position coach, Ron Shanklin (former NFL'er with Pittsburgh). Erric led in both rushing (21 for 957, 4.5, 5 TD) and receiving (56 for 444, 1 TD), while ranking second in the Southland Conference in both rushing yards and receiving. Heavily recruited by major schools, Erric decided on NTSU and got his studies up so he could participate. During his career that featured 1,613 yards rushing (4.3 avg.) and 94 receptions, Erric turned on the jets for a 78-yard long TD catch and a 76-yard long TD run. Among his highlights was a 218-yard rushing game (vs. Alcorn State), an 11-catch game, and a three-TD game.

Notebook/Personal

Erric Demont is a product of Dallas, Texas. He was especially charged up to play the Cowboys (129 yards in two games) last year as he had plenty of family and friends in the stands at Texas Stadium. His darting style has been compared to another Dallas resident, Tony Dorsett. Pegram went by the moniker of, "The Doctor," by his college mates for the way he operated on the opposition. A sprinter on the track team, he once clocked a 10.35 time in the 100 meters in a District meet in high school. Football runs in the Pegram family as his brother was a standout at Prairie View. Erric and his wife, Sonja, have one child and reside in Duluth, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG
1991	Atl.	16/7	101	349	3.5	34	1	1	−1	16	260	16.3	30
Total Combined Yards: 608													
Playoff Totals:													
		2/2	14	28	2.0	10	0	1	5	0	0	0	0

Pegram's Bests

Rushes	Yards	Long	TD
13 Raid. (9-22-91) 12 T.B. (11-17-91) 12 at Dall. (12-22-91) 11 Minn. (9-8-91) 10 at S.F. (10-31-91)	78 Minn. (9-8-91) 58 Raid. (9-22-91) 58 at Dall. (12-22-91)	34 at Dall. (12-22-91) 19 Raid. (9-22-91) 17 Minn. (9-8-91) 16 Minn. (9-8-91)	1 G.B. (12-1-91)

Houston
4th Year
Ht.: 5'7"
Wt.: 166
Born: 10-11-66

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, April 1, 1991

Jason
PHILLIPS
WIDE RECEIVER
82

Last Season

In his first season as an Atlanta Falcon, Jason was a contributor in the Red Gun offense. He started out the year on Injured Reserve for the first five weeks. Phillips returned to the active roster against the 49ers and found playing time in a total of 10 games. He finished with six receptions for 73 yards, for a 12.2 average, and a long of 24 yards.

Pro Career

Phillips played for his second team in three league seasons when he came to Atlanta from Detroit via Plan B. He was the Lions 10th round pick in the '89 draft out of Houston. In his rookie season, he caught 30 passes for 352 yards, third on the team. The last five games of his rookie campaign were prolific as he grabbed 21 aerials for 256 yards in five starts. He even placed his name in the Lions club record book for his 10 reception outing for 115 yards with a 55-yard touchdown vs. the Bucs. With June Jones in charge of the Silver Stretch offense in his sophomore year, he totaled eight catches for 112 yards, a 14.0 average, and long of 29.

Notebook

Jason's experience in the Red Gun offense should help as he competes for time in the crowded Falcon receiving corps. The passing philosophy of the Falcons is nothing new to Phillips because of his successful background at the University of Houston. He was on the receiving end of plenty of passes from the arm of Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware while performing in a Run and Shoot offense. A similiar style was incorporated into the playbook at Detroit.

College

Phillips hauled in passes from Heisman Trophy winner Ware to set NCAA records. He became the first receiver in NCAA history to lead the nation in receiving two straight years. He only played at Houston for those two years but he still managed to leave with five Southwest Conference records for: career receptions with 207, single-season receptions with 108, receptions in a game with 16, yardage with 1,444 and TD's in a season with 15. The consensus senior All-American and All-SWC performer collected 16 catches for 224 yards and two TD's in his best collegiate game versus Louisiana Tech in 1988.

Personal

The product of Houston, Texas began his prep career as a quarterback. Jason Howell was an All-District and All-Greater Houston choice as a signal-caller for Sterling High while also doubling as a track star. After high school, he attended Taft (CA) Junior College with the hopes of being a QB, but he was moved to wide out during his sophomore campaign. The Business major makes his offseason residence in Houston.

Career Statistics

			Receptions				
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1989	Det.	16/6	30	352	11.7	55t	1
1990	Det.	12/2	8	112	14.0	29	0
1991	Atl.	10/0	6	73	12.2	24	0
Totals		38/8	44	537	12.2	55t	1

Phillips Personal Bests

No.	Yards	LG	TD
10 T.B. (12-17-89)	115 T.B. (12-7-89)	55 T.B. (12-17-89)	1 T.B.

NFL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Falcons LB Tim Green (co-valedictorian at Syracuse) has nominated his high school science teacher John Williams for the NFL's first annual Teacher of the Year award and won a $10,000 scholarship grant as a result of winning the Award in '91. Williams, who will also receive a $5,000 grant from the NFL, had instilled into Green that he prefer he miss a week of wrestling or football practice rather than one hour or one day in the classroom. Each month, the NFL names a winner in their program in which every NFL player was allowed to nominate a teacher that most influenced them. Falcons T Chris Hinton's nominee Leroy Lovelace of Chicago's Phillips High School also won a grant as the November winner last year.

Nebraska
2nd Year
Ht.: 5'11"
Wt.: 190
Born: 5-9-68

Acquisition: 1st Round, 3rd overall, 1991 Draft

Bruce
PICKENS
CORNERBACK
39

Last Season

Bruce suffered through a tough rookie year which included signing late, going on the exempt list, being Inactive for a game, and finally being suspended for a week. Pickens reached a contract agreement with the Falcons on October 4 and went on the commissioner's exempt list to get into shape. He was activated off the list on October 14 but did not play at Phoenix. Bruce suited up from Weeks 9-13 but didn't see any action in Week 14 against Green Bay. He was Inactive for the Seahawks contest but returned to log time in the last regular season game at Dallas. Pickens was suspended from the team on Dec. 26 and didn't accompany the team to New Orleans but was reinstated a week later. He ended up playing in 7 games and made 7 tackles.

College

Bruce was considered the best pure man-to-man cover guy coming out of the draft through a strong senior campaign. The third-team All-America started every contest at left cornerback on a Bowl bound Nebraska team, finishing with 40 tackles, one theft, a forced fumble, five passes defensed and a QB sack. He picked off a Shawn Jones pass and had five tackles and another pass defense in the Citrus Bowl against Georgia Tech in his final college game. As a junior, he ended up second on the squad with seven passes defensed, tied a school record for a DB with two QB sacks, registered a forced and caused fumble out of his 30 tackles. The All-Big Eight performer was named the conferences Player of the Week for his 7 solo tackles, 2 passes defensed, two sacks for a minus 29 yards in a 48-23 win over Oklahoma State. He flashed his future NFL promise when he manned the secondary after the loss of the heralded Reggie Cooper in the Orange Bowl against powerful Florida State and collared 7 solo stops and a pass break up. Bruce was named Big Eight Newcomer of the Year in 1988 after transferring from the JUCO level.

Notebook

Pickens drew raves from Falcon coaches and turned heads during Mini-Camp and Operation Headstart for his aggressive play and work ethic, as he set the stage for a better second pro season. Bruce gained a reputation in college as a "extremely competitive player with a mean streak." He's also been called a 'fluid athlete' who runs a 4.42 - 40, leaps 34-1/2, and long jumps 10-1/2. When his Coffeyville Junior College team took on the big boys of Nebraska (freshman squad), Pickens wanted to make an impression. He did better than that as he earned a

scholarship to Nebraska by helping the Cornhusker freshman team suffer their worst defeat ever by a 49-14 count as he registered 13 tackles and four knocked down passes. His football career started at Westport High School in Kansas City as a slotback and cornerback. The All-Area, All-Conference and All-State (honorable mention) selection grew up following the career of Albert Lewis of the Chiefs.

Personal

Bruce Evon is the youngest of four brothers, James, Roper, Lawrence, Frederick, and a sister, Sandra. He was a three sport star at the prep level (football, basketball, track), while concentrating on mainly football. A receiver, running back, safety and cornerback, he once caught 12 passes and had three pickoffs in a single game. On the hardwood, the defensive specialist had the assignment in one game of guarding former Missouri star Anthony Peeler. During his track career, he hit the tape in third place in the state meet in the 100 meters at 10.45, was second in the 200, and ran a leg on the 400 meter relay team which shattered state marks. He bettered his 100 meter dash time in junior college with a 10.3 mark. He goes by the nickname of, "Easy," because of his off the field temperment and says he likes to play ping-pong and pool in his spare time. The Human Development major also listens to jazz to relax. His staunchest fans are his father, Clarence, and mother, Beatrice Whitley.

Career Statistics

		Tackles					
Year	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Ints.	Yards	PD
1991	7/0	7	5	2	0	0	0
Playoff Totals:							
1991	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WORLD LEAGUE™

FALCONS SHINE IN WORLD LEAGUE'S SECOND SEASON

The World League of American Football finished its second season of operation and two Falcons helped the Sacramento Surge capture the World Bowl title. Former Falcon QB David Archer (1984-87) earned MVP honors for setting a single-season League record for passing yardage (2,964) and touchdowns (23). Archer, the World League's #1 rated QB, completed 194 of 317 passes, with only seven interceptions, to guide the Surge to an 8-2 regular season record and through the Playoffs, where they defeated Orlando in the Championship game in Montreal. Another Falcon starter on that team was John Buddenberg, who was named to the All-World League team as a guard. In addition, a third Falcon, G Leroy Truitt anchored the line for the top-ranked offense for the NY/NJ Knights.

Colorado
2nd Year
Ht.: 5'11"
Wt.: 180
Born: 10-25-69

Acquisition: 1st Round, 13th overall, 1991 Draft

Last Season

Mike's initial season in the NFL was full of highlights as he was the League's second most productive rookie receiver and a consensus All-NFL rookie choice. His 50 receptions for 624 yards and two TD's trailed only Lawrence Dawsey of the Buccaneers (55-818-2). Those 50 catches were also good enough to be the SIXTH HIGHEST total by a wide receiver drafted in the first round in the last 12 years (see list below). Those figures also tied him for second place on club charts with Michael Haynes. Pritchard started 11 contests a year ago in the Falcons Red Gun attack and was in the lineup for all 16 games. The best game of his '91 season saw him haul in nine passes for 82 yards versus the Vikings. A five catch day vs. Rams and four aerials each vs. Saints, Cardinals, and Packers were also individual bests. His first official NFL score came from 14 yards out on a nifty run and catch at San Diego to help the birds end their 19 game road losing streak. Mike's other top yardage games came at Phoenix (71), Green Bay (60) and Rams (53). Pritchard showed Falcon fans glimpses of his talent in his first preseason game against the Rams in Jacksonville when he tallied three TD's, twice scoring on superb open field runs.

Notebook

Winning has become habit forming for "Pritch" with the Falcons Playoff push a year ago, coupled with his successful years at Colorado that included a National Championship. He played the role of a soothsayer last year when he said..."I wanted to go to Colorado so I could say I was responsible for turning it around and I see the same thing happening in Atlanta." Mike had such an impact on the fortunes of the Buffaloes during their run for No. 1 that he was voted the team's MVP, beating out the likes of Eric Bieniemy, Darian Hagan, Alfred Williams, and Kanavis McGee. The bright and articulate Economics major is involved in a financial planning program called, Provest Assest Management. The program is designed to offer services to athletes such as bill paying, trust accounts and loans. He learned of the program by working an internship with Denver's Colorado National Bank.

College

Pritchard was a picture of versatility for Colorado with his ability to play tailback, wingback, wide receiver and returner. Mike averaged 18.8 yards every time he touched the ball in a Buffaloes uniform. Breaking it down further, he boasted averages of 26.4 per reception (second best ever), 10.6 per rush, and 23.1 per kick return while scoring 15 career TD's. His longs were just as impressive through the air (70t, 67, 55, 52, 48, 45t, and 44t yard catches) or on the ground (78t

by rush, 70 and 68 on reverses, 77 KOR). He totaled 2,538 all-purpose yards for the Boulder, CO school, including 1,528 yards as a senior for the Co-National Champions, for an average of 123.1 an outing. His 284 total yards against Tennessee outdistanced another more heralded player's best game (268 yards by Raghib Ismail of Notre Dame). As a senior, he established a single season school record with his 733 receiving yards, and his 10 TD's were the second most ever. His 217 rushing yards vs. the Volunteers was the sixth-best total in the 102 year history of football at Colorado.

Personal

Young Mike was a military 'brat,' so he moved around a lot, but he's still considered a southerner because of his birthplace at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. He had visited Atlanta one other time before being drafted by the birds and it was when he and his family were on their way to Disney World in Florida. His athletic reputation was established in Las Vegas as he garnered All-America and All-State accolades at Rancho High School. The talented tailback was also honored with the "Circle of Champions" Player of the Year award by Gatorade for gaining 1,213 yards and scoring 17 TD's. A 1,108 yard, 15 TD season, the year before, helped Rancho High to a 9-2 record and the Sunrise League championship. At the Nevada State all-star contest, he opened up college recruiters eyes by reeling off 169 yards on only 14 totes and scoring once. He also has a track background with specialization in the 100 meters and long jump. Mike has always been an academic climber as he was a member of Colorado's 'Academic Starters' team that rewarded those athletes with a high GPA. He was depicted on a poster with Tim Green, espousing the virtues of education, donning a graduation cap and books with the slogan, "The Most Important Head Gear You'll Ever Wear!" The educational program was sponsored by the Georgia Association of Educators and the Falcons Youth Foundation and distributed to every school in the state. The prolific pair also shot a service spot promoting education.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1991	Atl.	16/11	50	624	12.5	29	2	0	0	0	0	0
								KOR	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
								1	18	18.0	18	0
Playoff Totals:												
1991	Atl.	2/2	10	119	11.9	17	0	0	0	0	0	0

Top Rookie 1st Round Wide Receivers (Since 1990)

Player	Team	Drafted/Year	No.	Yds.	TD
SHAWN COLLINS	FALCONS	27th - 1989	58	862	3
Art Monk	Redskins	18th - 1980	58	797	3
Sterling Sharpe	Packers	7th - 1988	55	791	1
Eddie Brown	Bengals	13th - 1985	53	942	8
ANDRE RISON	Colts	22nd - 1989	52	820	4
MIKE PRITCHARD	**FALCONS**	**13th - 1991**	**50**	**624**	**2**
Jerry Rice	49ers	16th - 1985	49	927	3
Al Toon	Jets	10th - 1985	45	682	2

Pritchard's Personal Bests

Catches	Yards	Long	TD
9 Minn. (9-8-91) 5 LA Rams (10-27-91) 4 Three Times	82 Minn. (9-8-91) 71 at Pho. (10-20-91) 60 G.B. (12-1-91) 58 N.O. (9-29-91)	29 Pho. (10-20-91) 28 G.B. (12-1-91) 27 at Wash (11-10-91) 24 N.O. (9-29-91)	1 at S.D. (9-15-91) at Pho (10-20-91)

Boise State
10th Year
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 240
Born: 8-31-60

Acquisition: 8th Round, 215th overall, 1983 Draft

John
RADE
LINEBACKER
59

Last Season

A healthy John Rade was a welcome site to Falcon coaches when the club's defensive "quarterback" suited up for his first action in Week 7 at San Francisco. John fought back from offseason surgery to repair two damaged ligaments in his right knee suffered against the Cowboys in the last game of the '90 season. He was placed on the Physically Unable to Perform list for the first five weeks of the '91 campaign as he continued his rehabilitation. Rade started all 11 games at his familiar inside backer position when he returned and ended up with 58 tackles. "Radar" honed in to make a season-high 10 tackles in the win over the Packers in Week 14.

Pro Career

Rade has registered 100+ tackles in a season five consecutive times and six total in his nine-year career. The productive Boise State star recorded a career-high 145 tackles in '90 to break his previous-best of 140 in '86. He has started 112 of his 122 games played in a Falcon uniform. He broke into pro football in the training camp of the USFL's Boston Breakers but was released prior to the season. John had entertained ideas of heading north of the border to the Canadian Football League but gave up on those notions when he was drafted by the Falcons on the eighth round of the '83 draft. An All-NFL rookie season followed as John amassed 117 tackles from his outside linebacker spot, filling in for an injured Al Richardson. Since 1986, he has occupied the birds inside slot on defense in the starting lineup in 80 games.

Year-by-Year

1990: Rade's career year included 145 tackles with a personal-best of 17 coming against the Cardinals. John also added 16 stops vs. Rams, 15 vs. 49ers and Rams in the rematch. He played

with a nagging hip injury to start all 16 contests for the first time since '85 but he was felled with a knee injury in the season finale against Dallas.

1989: He made it four seasons in-a-row with 100 plus tackles with his 102 total in 15 games. John had three, double-digit tackle games, and a pair of nine-tackle outings to go along with two fumble recoveries.

1988: John's 137 tackles led the team, despite spraining a knee in Week 15 and going on IR. He had seven double-figure tackle games, topped by a personal best 16 vs. San Francisco in Week 14.

1987: As the team tackle leader (123), John did it in 11 games as he suffered a shoulder separation in the next to last game and went on IR. His 15 tackle game vs. Tampa Bay in the opener led his seven double-figure tackle games.

1986: John's personal best 140 tackles came at his new inside spot. He missed the season finale and a chance to lead the team in tackles with an ankle injury. He had a 15-tackle best vs. New Orleans in Week 15.

1985: His 95 tackles and two interceptions came with 11 starts at left outside linebacker and three at right outside linebacker. John had a two-sack game vs. the Division rival Rams.

1984: After seven games, John had injuries to his neck (pinched nerve) and hamstring and had to go on Injured Reserve.

1983: The all-NFL rookie pick had 117 tackles after making his first start in Week 6 vs. New Orleans after an injury to Al Richardson. He had his first 15-tackle game vs. the Rams, while also having two fumble recoveries and two QB sacks as a rookie.

Notebook

John spends his offseasons in his native Boise, Idaho pursuing his business ventures. He was honored by his alma mater last spring as he was inducted into the Boise State Hall of Fame. He still holds school marks for most tackles for losses in a season (31) and single game (8). John is well-known around the Falcons Complex for his relentless preparation for a game which includes extra hours viewing film. "His physical abilities are outweighed by what's inside of him," stated Coach Glanville. "He brings intensity and enthusiam and a great work habit. He's a leader by showing how to go to work. Not many guys have what he has, and the team knows that." An outdoorsman, John is more comfortable in jeans, but sometimes can be seen in a sleek, double-breasted suit when the occasion calls for it. Rade picked a memorable game to make his return engagement when he started in the Falcons exciting 39-34 victory at San Francisco on Oct. 13. That date marked his first 'live' action in 10 months since undergoing knee surgery on Jan. 10 and his parents were in the stands to watch their son complete his rehabilitation.

College

John started out with a partial scholarship at Northern Arizona University, as a punter, but left in the middle of his first semester. He followed his family to Modesto, CA, and enrolled at Modesto Community College to compete in track only. He got stronger by lifting weights for the first time ever and decided to give football another try. He transferred to Boise State where he became the Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year and a two-year starter as a 210-pound defensive end. He also competed on the track team establishing a school mark in the discus with a heave of 164 feet.

Personal

A 'left' coast native, John is a product of Ceres, CA. A defensive end and punter at Buena High School, he helped his team to an undefeated mark as a senior. His winning ways continued at the JUCO level at Modesto (CA) where he was part of a national championship team as a sophomore. Rade's parents and youngest sister are still residents of Modesto and are yearly visitors to Falcons games on the coast. John loves to golf in his spare time and is a very willing participant in the Falcons many community projects. He and his wife, Lori, are always involved in the "Holiday Evening with the Stars," which helps area children's hospitals. The Rade's have one daughter, six-year-old Jenna, and a two-year-old son, Jared.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Int.	Yds.	LG	FF	FR	TD
1983	Atl.	16/11	117	66	51	2	0	0	0	3	2	1
1984	Atl.	7/7	42	23	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1985	Atl.	16/14	95	43	52	4.5	2	42	38t	1	0	1
1986	Atl.	15/15	140	73	67	1	1	6	6	0	0	0
1987	Atl.	11/11	123	55	68	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1988	Atl.	15/15	137	67	70	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
1989	Atl.	15/13	102	57	45	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
1990	Atl.	16/15	145	71	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991	Atl.	11/10	58	19	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		122/111	955	474	385	10.5	3	48	38t	4	5	2
Playoff Totals:												
1991		2/2	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Rade's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks	Interceptions
17 Pho (12-9-90) 16 at Rams (10-21-90) 16 S.F. (12-4-88) 15 N.O. (12-14-86) at Rams (10-16-83) at T.B. (9-13-87) at Det (9-4-88) 14 Five Times	2 Rams (11-17-85)	1 S.F. (1985) Den. (1985) Colts (1986)

NOT RETIRED . . . JUST NOT USED

In the Atlanta Falcons 26 year existence the jersey number 2 has never been issued during the regular season. Although this jersey number has been seen out at training camps, it has yet to see action in a regular season game.

Wisconsin
6th Year
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 235
Born: 6-25-64

Acquisition: 7th Round, 18th overall, 1987 Draft

Mike
REID
LINEBACKER
95

Last Season

Michael Reid went through a rollercoaster of emotions a year ago. His long rehabilitation road back to the Falcons roster seemed clear when he suited up for the preseason game against Tampa Bay and finished with an impressive three QB sacks. He made the team through an encouraging training camp and played in the seasons first two contests. Reid's road became rocky though when he was placed on the Inactive List in Week 3 and then put on Injured Reserve the following week. Michael remained on IR until the Playoffs when he was activated for the clash with the Saints.

Pro Career

Just when his career seemed to take off, Reid suffered a freak knee injury at Los Angeles in '91 and was lost for the season. On a fourth down play, Michael broke through the line and was set to block a Keith English punt when he caught a cleat in the grass. He had to undergo reconstructive surgery on his left knee on the lateral meniscus cartilage and anterior ligament. At the time of the injury, he had produced 38 tackles, three QB sacks, 2 pressures and six stops on special teams in four starts. A week before the injury, he had perhaps his finest game of his career as he recorded a personal-best 13 tackles with a sack of Joe Montana. Earlier in the year, he had two other sacks of Montana to go along with 11 tackles, eight solos. As a rookie, he displayed his talents mainly on special teams, while playing in 11 games and adding one start. His time on the field increased the following two campaigns as he logged 16 games and three starts each year.

Notebook

When the rookie Reid stepped out onto the field for his first pro game against Buffalo, it also happened to be the first pro game he had ever attended. Michael enjoys the martial arts and he took it another level when he helped show the finer points to his teammates during conditioning sessions of Operation Headstart in the spring of '91. He is one of the current Falcons who lists Georgia as their native state. As Dougherty High in Albany, GA, Reid competed alongside former NFLer Lionel "Little Train" James (Chargers) and versus Buffalo's Nate Odomes (Carver High in Columbus, GA). He and Odomes played collegiately at Wisconsin. Ironically, the hard working Reid never played on defense until he entered the cheese state for he performed as a wide receiver and tight end as a prepster. Besides martial arts he also

relaxes by making rugs (specializing in animals), fishing, music and playing nintendo. An unassuming and quiet person by nature, the articulate Reid received his degree in Computer Science at Wisconsin while maintaining a 2.75 GPA at the time.

College

An All-Big 10 choice and honorable mention All-America, his senior season included a team-high 156 tackles (second in conference) as he was the team's defensive signal-caller and MVP. He accumulated 317 career stops, three interceptions, two forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries. Michael registered top games of 22, 20 and 18 tackles and set school records for most solo tackles in a season with 102 and most fumbles recovered in a game with three against Ohio State.

Personal

Michael acquired his athletic ability from his father, Herman, who played at nearby Morris Brown and had a try out with the Boston Patriots. An all-around athlete growing up, Reid was a guard on a state runner-up squad in basketball in high school and a runner on the track team. A community-minded professional, he gives his time as an anti-drug speaker for the DEA. Michael's brother, Maurice, was a member of Georgia Southern's football team, while his sister, Michele, attended Emory University. His wife, Sherri, is an Industrial Engineering degree holder from Purdue, and the couple lives in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Hurries	Spec. Teams	FF	FR
1987	Atl.	11/1	18	10	8	0	3	4	0	0
1988	Atl.	16/3	28	13	15	0	2	4	0	0
1989	Atl.	16/3	17	8	9	1	1	13	0	0
1990	Atl.	6/4	38	17	21	3	3	6	0	0
1991	Atl.	2/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								(INJURED RESERVE)		
Totals		51/11	101	48	53	4	9	27	0	0
Playoff Totals:										
		2/0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Reid's Personal Bests

Tackles	Sacks
13 S.F. (10-14-90) 11 N.O. (10-7-90) 10 at S.F. (9-23-90)	2 at S.F. (9-23-90 1 S.F. (10-14-90)

Michigan State
4th Year
Ht.: 6'0"
Wt.: 188
Born: 3-18-67

Acquisition: Trade with Colts, April 20, 1990

Andre
RISON
WIDE RECEIVER
80

Last Season

Andre Rison continued to set both NFL and team records in his second season in Atlanta as he was voted to the Pro Bowl for the second consecutive year. He again paced the club with his 81 receptions and 12 touchdowns, while accounting for 976 yards. Take a look at "Showtime's" 1992 season of success.

*** Three's A Charm ***

By totaling 215 catches from 1989-1991, Rison set an NFL record for the most receptions by a WR in the first three years of a career, passing Tom Fears and Sterling Sharpe's mark of 213. After an All-NFL rookie campaign in which he grabbed 58 receptions, he rebounded to catch 163 in two years with the Falcons to place his name in the record book.

*** Armed and Dangerous ***

After starting out slow due to an early emphasis on the running game, Andre scored his 12 touchdowns in the last 11 games, while collecting 62 of his 81 receptions during that stretch. The birds won 8 of those 11 games with Rison playing a lead role. In the five-game winning streak, which clinched a Playoff berth, he averaged over 6 catches, 82 yards, and a TD per outing. The Falcons won 6 of 8 contests when Rison scored a TD.

*** Bad Moon Rison ***

Rison had an 8 catch, two TD day, for 124 yards, including the game-winner with :41 seconds left, to seal the comeback victory over the Packers. He also tallied three, 7 reception games (at SD, SF, Wash), four, 6 catch contests (at SF, TB, LA, Dall) and a trio of 5 catch affairs (LAR, PHO, Rams). He set a personal best with three scores in the win over the Bucs. His seven more catches in the Playoff game versus the Skins were a Falcon record as he hauled in 11 in post season.

*** Leading by Example ***

Once again, 'Dray was among the NFL leaders in '92. He finished 5th overall in the League in catches and was tied for 2nd in the NFL in TD's by WR's. His 12 scores were the second-best ever by a Falcon wideout to Alfred Jenkins' 13 in '81 and his 976 yards were the 7th highest on club charts. He teamed with Michael Haynes to share the top spot among all WR pairs with 23 TD's scored and their 2,098 yards were a Falcon best and good enough for 6th-best in NFL.

Honors

1991: Pro Bowl (2nd)
All-Pro - NEA, College and Pro Football Newsweekly
1990: NFL Pro Bowl Starter
All-Pro, AP, Sporting News, Football News, PFWA, Pro Football Weekly, College & Pro Newsweekly, NEA, Sports Illustrated, The National UPI All-NFC
All-NFL, Football Digest
1989: All-NFL rookie by Pro-Football Writers Association, UPI, College & Pro Newsweekly, Football Digest, and Pro Football Weekly.

Pro Career

Andre has proved to be one of the main targets in the Falcons revamped Red Gun offense over the past two seasons as he has progressed from an All-NFL rookie to a Pro Bowler and All-Pro in his three NFL seasons. Since changing into Falcon black, Rison has caught 163 passes for 2,184 yards, with 22 TD's, including a Falcon-best 82 receptions in 1990. He and Jerry Rice are the only receivers to post back-to-back 80+ reception seasons and the only pair to register double-digits in touchdowns in the past two years.

*** In the Clutch ***

Whether its snaring key touchdowns or crucial passes to keep drives alive, Rison has been a clutch performer for the birds over two seasons. For example, his big 4th down, tip-toe, sideline reception for 19 yards on the final drive put the Falcons in position to pull off the Big Ben III vs. the Niners last year. He also grabbed two 4th quarter TD's against the Packers for the come from behind win. In 1990, he collected 4 catches for 77 yards on the game winning drive vs. Saints, including a pair of critical 4th down grabs, and crossed the goal line to claim the win with 1:33 left.

*** Rison to Any Occasion ***

He holds six club marks for: most catches (82), most by WR, 100-yard games (5-tie), consecutive 100-yard games (3), catches over 3-game period (30), and most points in a game (18-tie). His top games have come against NFC West foes in the 49ers (9-172-2 TD, 11-128), Saints (10-154-2 TD), and Rams (10-154-2 TD). He recorded his 9th career 100-yard game last season against the Packers, where he also had a personal-best three TD's. His 163 totes over the last two years are the most by any Falcon wideout in back to back campaigns. Andre was named NFC Offensive Player of Month of October in '90 (26-501-6 TD, 3, 100-yard games).

*** Rison's Rumblings ***

He became the second fastest wide receiver in NFL history, behind only Al Toon (23), to reach 100 catches when he hit the century mark in 24 games in '90 . . . He has caught a pass now in 47 of 48 career games and 17 straight . . . He broke team record for most 100-yard games in a season by collecting all 100 yards in fourth quarter at Cleveland in '90.

Most Receptions, First 3 Years in Pro Football

ANDRE RISON, ATLANTA, 1989-91
215 (52, 82, 81)
Sterling Sharpe, Green Bay, 1988-90
212 (55,90,67)
Tom Fears, LA Rams, 1948-50
212 (51,77,84)
Gary Clark, Washington, 1985-87
202 (72, 74, 56)
Art Powell, Oak, 1963-65
200 (73, 75, 52)
Jerry Rice, SF, 1985-87
200 (49, 86, 65)

Notebook

*** Goin' to the Hoop ***

The athletic Rison was a standout hoops player at every level growing up and garnered All-State of Michigan honors twice while leading his Northwestern High team to a pair of state titles and a 55-1 record as a point guard. He set a school assist mark (636) passing to such players as Glen Rice (Miami Heat) and Jeff Grayer (Milwaukee Bucks). He played in 24 games in college with the likes of Scott Skiles (Magic) and Steve Smith (Heat) and is a teammate of the pair of NBAers in a summer league in his home state.

*** Playing the Field ***

On the high school gridiron, the versatile Andre played EIGHT different positions (WR, RB, QB, TE, S, CB, P, K) and was a All-State selection as a punter and an All-America defensive back. Mark Ingram of N.Y. Giants completed passes to cousin Andre on the prep level. On the diamond, he was a pitcher and outfielder on an AAU national title team in Fairmont, W.Va.

*** Competitive and Confident ***

Rison's competitiveness is one of his strongest attributes. He's never missed a game due to injury in a career that spans 48 games. When he badly sprained his knee against the Browns in 1990, he played the next week on virtually one leg and posed as a decoy to free other receivers. Last year, a badly sprained shoulder in Week 1 couldn't hold him out of the lineup. The confident performer is also a vociferous presence on the field. He told a local TV crew on the sidelines during the Packers game that he was going to catch the winning touchdown and that they better stay focused on him. They did and he didn't disappoint. Afterall, as he always told his mother . . . "The Lord put me on earth to go pro."

*** Rison's 100-Yard Games ***

172 vs. San Francisco (10-14-90), 9 catches
161 at Los Angeles (10-21-90), 5 catches
154 vs. New Orleans (10-7-90), 10 catches
*136 vs. Cleveland (12-10-89), 5 catches
*129 vs. New England (10-29-89), 6 catches
128 at San Francisco (9-23-90), 11 catches
124 vs. Green Bay (12-1-91), 8 catches
*108 N.Y. Jets (11-19-89), 5 catches
100 at Cleveland (12-16-90), 6 catches

* as member of Indianapolis Colts

College

Andre left Michigan State with a school record 146 receptions for 2,992 yards and 20 TD's. His record breaking 1986 campaign established new MSU marks with an all-time season-best 54 catches and 966 yards. He is familiar to Georgia fans because he sliced through the Bulldog secondary for nine receptions for an eye-opening 252 yards with three scores in the Gator Bowl as a senior. He was at his best when facing the best as he boasted a 30.1 yards per catch average in three Bowl games. Rison's other top collegiate performance was an 11 catch, 196 yard receiving day, against Indiana as a sophomore to set another mark. He accepted a scholarship to Michigan State so he could play basketball and he got on the hardwood for a total of 24 games for the Spartans under coach Jud Heathcote. He also ended up second in the conference long jump with a leap of over 24 feet.

RISON

Personal

Andre Previn Rison takes his name from the famous composer and pianist with the same name. He grew up in very humble surroundings in Flint, MI. When his mother, Merdice, couldn't afford to buy him new clothes for school, he would switch clothing each morning with his best friend. His early background made him toughen up. "When I was growing up, people were always jealous of me (because of my athletics). I used to think, 'What are they jealous of?' They're the ones with clothes, a nice house, a mother and father, a car." Sports was a way out of the neighborhood for Rison. "I had to talk myself up to believe I could achieve something in life." His biggest fan and staunchest confidant remains his mother. Merdice was the one who told him he'd be better off choosing offense over defense. "He needs to hear the roar of the crowd, rah, rah, rah. He thrives on touching the ball." Andre was recruited as a defensive back after an All-America career as a prepster. One of the former Michigan State alums who helped convince him to attend the Spartan campus was Magic Johnson. Rison had a chance to visit with his longtime idol, Hall of Fame WR Fred Biletnikoff, when the Falcons played the Raiders last year. His other hero as a youngster was Dr. J. (Erving). When he's not on the basketball court in his spare time, Andre is working on his musical career as a songwriter and singer.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	Rush	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
1989	Indy	16/13	52	820	16.5	61	4	3	18	6.0	15	0
1990	Atl	16/15	82	1,208	14.7	75t	10	0	0	0	0	0
1991	Atl	16/15	81	976	12.0	39t	12	1	−9	−9.0	−9	0
Total		48/43	215	3,004	14.0	75t	26	4	9	2.25	15	0
Playoff Totals:												
		2/2	11	118	10.7	24t	1	0	0	0	0	0

1991 NFL LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

Haywood Jeffires, Hou	100
Michael Irvin, Dall	93
Drew Hill, Hou	90
Marv Cook, N.E.	82
ANDRE RISON, ATL	**81**
Andre Reed, Buff	81

1991 NFL TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING

Jerry Rice, SF	14
ANDRE RISON, ATL	**12**
Mark Clayton, Mia	12
Michael Haynes, Atl	11
Gary Clark, Wash	10
Andre Reed, Buff	10

COMBINED NFL TD'S RECEIVING

RISON-HAYNES, ATL	**23**
Rice-Taylor, SF	23
Reed-Lofton, Buff	18
Clark-Monk, Wash	18
Duper-Clayton, Mia	17
Turner-Martin, NO	12
Jeffires-Hill, Hou	11

COMBINED NFL YARDS RECEIVING

Clark-Monk, Wash	2389
Jeffires-Hill, Hou	2290
Rice-Taylor, SF	2217
Reed-Lofton, Buff	2185
Duper-Clayton, Mia	2138
RISON-HAYNES, ATL	**2098**
Moore-Toon, NY Jets	1950

Rison's Personal Bests

Catches	Yards	Long	TD
11 at S.F (9-23-90) 10 N.O. (10-7-90) 9 S.F. (10-14-90) 8 GB (12-1-91) 7 Phil (11-18-90)	172 S.F. (10-14-90) 161 at Rams (10-21-90) 154 N.O. (10-7-90) 136 Clev (12-20-89) 124 GB (12-1-91)	75t S.F. (10-14-90) 71t at Rams (10-21-90) 70 at Rams (10-21-90) 61 Jets (11-19-89)	3 TB (11-17-91) 2 SF (10-13-91) GB ((12-1-91) SF (10-14-90) at Rams (10-21-90) 1 Thirteen times
KOR	Yards	Long	
3 Atl (9-24-89)	59 Atl (9-24-89)	30 Atl (9-24-89)	

1990 LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

Player	NO.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
Jerry Rice, SF	100	1,502	15.0	64t	13
ANDRE RISON, ATL	**82**	**1,208**	**14.7**	**75T**	**10**
Keith Byars, Phil	81	819	10.1	54	3
Henry Ellard, LA Rams	76	1,294	17.0	50t	4
Gary Clark, Wash	75	1,112	14.8	53t	8

Texas
7th Year
Ht.: 6'4"
Wt.: 286
Born: 9-20-62

Acquisition: Plan B Free Agent, March 15, 1990

Mike
RUETHER
CENTER
55

Last Season

Mike Ruether's value to the Falcons in 1991 was immense. He logged playing time at right guard, left guard, center, and even tight end. Mike received an opening day start at tight end at Kansas City and wound up catching a 22-yard pass. It marked the first time he had EVER caught a pass at any level. His revolving door season included spelling an injured Jamie Dukes at center. Ruether remained an invaluable reserve as he took over at left guard at Washington when Houston Hoover was moved to right tackle because of Mike Kenn's absence. The odyssey took another turn when he switched to right guard in place of the injured Bill Fralic to collect starts against the Bucs, Saints, Packers and Rams. In all, reliable Mike received six starting calls, while performing in all 16 games, plus the two Playoff contests.

RUETHER

Pro Career

Ruether upped his NFL totals to 71 games played with 8 starts to his credit. If you count his USFL experience (34 games), Mike has played in over 100 professional games. He snapped footballs to Steve Young as a member of the LA Express for two seasons in his first shot at pro ball. He changed allegiances to the Cardinals of the NFL on Sept. 30, 1986 and saw action in 22 games. Mike was part of a trade that sent him packing for Denver and Ricky Hunley to the Cards on Aug. 19, 1988. After appearing in 14 contests for the Broncos, the Falcons snatched him in the available Plan B pool where he has appeared in every game over the last two seasons.

College

The intense competitor improved at his center position each season for the Longhorns of Texas. By the time he was a senior, he was considered at the top of many pro draft boards at his position. Mike started his final two years in Austin, Texas and was a member of the Longhorns Bluebonnet Bowl ('80), Sun Bowl ('82) and Cotton Bowl ('83 - '84) teams.

Notebook/Personal

The do-it-all Ruether recorded a winning 4-2 record as a starter last year, including a streak of four in-a-row. Mike is a transplanted California product who honed his football trade in the heartland of Kansas. As a prepster, he garnered All-America and All-State accolades for Bishop Miege High in Shawnee Mission, KA and also doubled as a wrestler and track star. He showed he could pin opponents off the gridiron as he captured two state heavyweight wrestling crowns on the Kansas mats. The communications major and his wife, Marjorie, have one son, five-year-old Reece Austin.

Career Statistics

Games Played/Started: USFL 34 total 1984 (17), 1985 (17)
NFL 71/8 1986 (10/1), 1987 (12/1), 1988 (14/0), 1989 (3/0), 1990 (16/0)
1991 (16/16) (2/0)

			Receptions				
Year	**Team**	**GP/GS**	**No.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**LG**	**TD**
1991	Atl	16/6	1	22	22.0	22	0
Totals		**71/8 (NFL)**	**1**	**22**	**22.0**	**22**	**0**
Playoff Totals							
1991		2/0					

NOT PLAYING, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Thus far in the Falcons 26 seasons, only four jersey numbers are not being issued by the Equipment Manager. Those belong to five-time Pro Bowl LB Tommy Nobis (#60), six-time Pro Bowl C Jeff Van Note (#57), four-time Pro Bowl RB William Andrews (#31) and two-time Pro Bowl QB Steve Bartkowski (#10).

Florida State
4th Year
Ht.: 6'0"
Wt.: 185
Born: 8-9-67

Acquisition: 1st Round, 5th overall, 1989 Draft

Deion
SANDERS
CORNERBACK
21

Last Season

"Prime Time" put on another prime time show in his third NFL season as he was voted as a Pro Bowl starter at cornerback by his peers for the first time and added even more spectacular clips to his personal highlight video. Take a look at the NFL Alumni's Defensive Back of the Year and this special athlete with a special flair.

ONE OF A KIND

***** Doin' It All *****

Deion was the ONLY player in the NFL to: intercept a pass, catch a pass, return a punt, return a kickoff, and make tackles on defense and special teams cover units in 1991. He tied for the NFC lead with teammate McKyer with six thefts and caught a 17-yard screen pass at Dallas, playing both ways. His 16-yard game winner was nullified. He also played with injuries, including a deep thigh bruise, and took three bags of IV to overcome the flu before suiting up against the Rams.

***** Big Play Maker *****

He returned a kickoff 100 yards for a TD, 2nd longest in NFL, at San Francisco and sealed win vs. Seattle with a 55-yard TD return off a lateral. He also had KOR's of 48 and 32 yards, plus a 32-yard int return, 31-yard return off a lateral, and a theft in end zone to thwart Saints drive in Playoffs. Deion paced all Falcon defensive backs (for second straight year) with 14 passes defensed.

***** Puttin' on the Hits *****

Sanders set two new club marks for combined returns and yards to bring his total to 10. He was named NFC Def. Player of the Week TWICE by League in Weeks 4 and 12. Against Raiders, he sacked QB Shroeder and forced fumble which was picked up for score. He also intercepted a pass. Against Bucs, he had first career two theft game, and five tackles to limit Testaverde to 71 yards passing. He also won National Award as Miller Lite Player of Week in USA Today vs. Seattle for pair of pickoffs and TD.

***** Double Duty *****

After practicing with Falcons in afternoon on Wed., Sept. 25, he takes a helicopter to stadium and changes into Braves baseball uniform. At 7:02 P.M., he enters first game of a doubleheader game with Reds as pinch runner and at 7:07 P.M. steals second. He becomes the only athlete to play two pro sports simultaneously. He was the first athlete to play two sports in same city since Gene Conley in 1960-61 (Boston Celtics, Boston Red Sox). His athletic day ends after 15 hours at 11:45 P.M.

Honors

1991: AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (starter), NFL Alumni Defensive Back of the Year
1989: All-NFL Rookie, Football Digest, PFWA
NFLPA Kick Returner of the Year

Pro Career

According to his peers and critics around the League, Deion has established himself as one of the top corners in the NFL and one of the most dangerous returners in football. Let's see what Sanders has accomplished in his three years on the gridiron.

FALCON FLASHBACKS

*** Record Breaker ***

Deion holds 10 club records for: longest punt return (79 yards), most PR TD's (2), most KOR (93), most KOR yards, (1,996), most KOR yards, game (129), longest KOR (100t), most int for TD's (2), most combined TD's (6), most combined return yards (2,754), most combined returns (172). He is the only Falcon in club annals to score TD's off a punt, kickoff and interception, and the only bird to score on a punt and int in SAME season.

*** Stepping Out ***

Sanders takes another season-opening curtain call this time against the Oilers when he picks off Warren Moon and high steps his way 82-yards for a TD, longest in NFL in '90. "Prime Time" shines again in the national spotlight as he sets a club record by returning a punt 79-yards for a score to defeat the Bengals. He punctuates the year with a 61-yard jaunt to the end zone to dash the playoff hopes of the Cowboys.

*** Not Just Another Athlete ***

In an unforgetable week, Sanders hits a homerun for the N.Y. Yankees on Tues. (Sept. 5, 1989), signs a football contract on Thurs., then 5:21 into his first pro game on Sunday (Sept. 10), returns punt 68 yards for a TD. He becomes the first pro athlete in modern history to hit a homer and score a TD in the same week.

*** Beating Sophomore Jinx ***

In his second season as a Falcon, he is the only player in the NFL to gain 50 or more yards in three separate categories. A 50-yard KOR vs. Rams, a 79-yard PR TD, and his 82 and 61-yard TD int returns are the measuring sticks. He also is the only returner in NFC to post back to back 1,000 yard seasons as he finishes 3rd in NFL in combined yards. His 18 passes defensed were a team high.

*** Sanders Salvos ***

Deion's other exploits in his young career have included: becoming first rookie DB in 1980's to amass over 1,000 return yards, lining up at wide receiver against the Bills and Saints in '89, and being only the second Falcon to record consecutive 1,000 yard combined seasons.

Notebook

*** Quoteables ***

"Deion has the quickest feet I have ever seen on a CB in the five-yard bump zone."
Raider Former All-Pro, Lester Hayes

"He's a great athlete. He's the guy that really gets the fans into the ball game. He had a big impact on our game. He likes going out and playing with confidence and I don't blame him."
Seahawks WR Brian Blades

"In all my years of playing (10 in NFL) and coaching (27), he's the best athlete I've ever seen. He could become one of the premier defensive backs to ever play the game."
Falcons Secondary Coach, Jimmy Carr

"Deion is a gem of an athlete and a gem of a person."
Joe Theismann, ESPN Analyst

"Deion is a great person. People don't know that he had friends who couldn't afford to pay for college and he paid their way from the money he made from playing baseball for the Yankees."
Mickey Andrews, FSU Def. Coordinator

*** True Grit ***

Sanders showed his toughness by playing half the season with a painful calcium deposit lodged in his thigh. Despite the injury he missed only one start. He also fought through the flu as he took in three bags of IV at LA prior to game but didn't miss any time.

*** Community Minded ***

In 1991, Sanders donated the largest amount of money to charity of any athlete from Atlanta when he gave a check for $10,000 to United Way. He reinforced his commitment to United Way by organizing a fund raising basketball game in '92, (Deion's Prime Time Shoot-out) pitting superstars from football against baseball, with the help of Grammy Award winner, Hammer and other top athletes.

*** Media Mogul ***

Besides being a popular topic on the local news front, Deion has also gained national notoriety. He appeared on the Arsenio Hall Show this year and has been a guest on David Letterman, "Up Close" with Roy Firestone, and "Sunday Conversation" on ESPN. He was the first Falcon to ever appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated (Nov. 13, 1989) and returned to the cover this spring with the Braves. He's even been interviewed by a station from Japan. In Atlanta, he hosts a weekly cable show called "Deion's All-Star's" and for the past two years has had a weekly radio show during the season.

*** Extra Points ***

The nickname "Prime Time" was born when former Florida CB and friend, Richard Fain, coined the moniker after watching Deion slam dunk during a basketball game in high school . . . His home in Alpharetta, Ga. is a recreational haven complete with a basketball court in the front yard and a batting cage in back, with a sports room in the basement which includes a mini-pool table, five video arcade games, and weight room. The entrepreneurial Sanders owns "Deion's Hair Salon" in the fashionable district of Buckhead (GA), along with Jamie Dukes. He once gave a gift of Gucci watches to his special teams mates for helping him to his first NFL TD on opening day in '89. He likes the name so much that he calls his poodle, Gucci. The ex-FSU All-America sells his own line of Prime Time clothes with his trademark lightning bolt figure.

Pro Baseball Career

Sanders spurned an offer from the Kansas City Royals ($75,000) after being drafted out of high school to attend Florida State on a football scholarship. He was selected again by the New York Yankees in 1988 on the 30th round in the free agent draft and split time between Ft. Lauderdale, Sarasota and Columbus. He made the Yankees of Bucky Dent as a non-roster player by batting .364 in spring training in 1989. He eventually returned to the minors and appeared in a total of 14 big league games, hitting .234. Deion batted .158 (21 hits in 133 at-bats) in 57 Major League games for the Yankees in 1990 with three homers and nine RBI'S. He was released by New York on Sept. 26 and signed a minor league contract with the Atlanta Braves on Jan. 30, 1991, expressing a desire to play two pro sports in the same city. Deion batted .281 in spring training with the Braves in West Palm Beach. He led the team in total bases with 29 and runs scored with 12, while finishing second in hits with 18 (in 64 at-bats), and had only one error, to make the Major League roster. He earned an opening day start in left field against the Dodgers, hitting leadoff, to become the first player to play baseball and football on the same field since 1945, when Steve Filipowicz performed as an outfielder for the New York Giants and running back for the football Giants at the Polo Grounds. He also became the first pro athlete to play two sports for teams in the same city since Gene Conley played for the 1960-61 Boston Celtics and pitched for the 1961 Boston Red Sox. His final stats last year read: 54 games, .191 BA, .270 on-base percentage.

College

One of the most celebrated athletes to come out of college in years, Deion lived up to his billing by winning the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's best defensive back. The two-time All-America paced the country in punt returns with an average of 15.2 as a senior and established school records with 1,429 yards and 287 interception return yardage. Sanders collected six touchdowns in his career off returns (three by thefts and three by punts) and registered 14 lifetime pickoffs. "Prime Time" also showed off his 4.27 40 speed as a track sprinter, qualifying for the Olympic Trials, and on the baseball diamond where the outfielder was a member of a College World Series team. One of the most famous stories concerning Deion's versatility in college came when he played in a Metro Conference baseball game one day, ran to the track to run a leg with the 400 meter relay team while wearing his baseball pants, then returned in time to slap the game-winning hit in the Seminoles second tournament game. Sanders never was on the losing end of four Bowl games in his career in Tallahassee.

Personal

One of the first things he did when he signed his pro football contract was begin construction on a dream home for his mother in his hometown of Ft. Myers, FLA. Constance Knight was a big influence on the young and athletic, but a shy and quiet, Sanders. Often times she helped him get through his migrane headaches caused by stress of living in the projects. Deion says he made a conscious decision to avoid the pitfalls of his neighborhood and doesn't drink, smoke or do drugs. He commands an attentive audience when he speaks to kids about avoiding those dangers and to stay in school. "I learned early on if you don't believe in yourself no one else will. I get high off life and sports." He won a national title on the Pop Warner level as a youth and was also big into hoops. In high school, he threw for 839 yards as a left-handed quarterback and optioned his way to 499 more yards on the ground, while tossing in an average of 24 points a contest on the hardwood, in an All-State career as a guard. His favorite athletes to watch growing up were Lynn Swann, Walter Payton, O.J. Simpson, Julius Erving and Hank Aaron. One of his pride and joys is his two-year-old daughter, Diondra.

Career Statistics

			Tackles					Interceptions				
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	PD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1989	Atl	15/10	39	28	11	0	8	5	52	10.4	22	0
1990	Atl	16/16	50	31	19	0	18	3	153	51.0	82t	2
1991	Atl	16/15	49	35	14	1	14	6	119	19.8	55t	1
Total		47/41	138	94	44	1	40	14	324	23.1	82t	3

			Punt Returns					Kickoff Returns				
Year	Team	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1989	Atl	28	7	307	11.0	68t	1	35	725	20.7	72	0
1990	Atl	29	13	250	8.6	79t	1	39	851	21.8	50	0
1991	Atl	21	9	170	8.1	23	0	26	576	22.2	100t	1
Totals		78	29	727	9.3	79t	2	100	2152	21.5	100t	1

Playoff Totals:

			Tackles					Interceptions				
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	PD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1991	Atl	2/2	10	6	4	0	2	1	31	31.0	31	0

			Punt Returns					Kickoff Returns				
Year	Team	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1991	Atl	3	0	33	11.0	22	0	6	124	20.7	32	0

Sanders' Personal Bests

Number	Yards	Average	Long
	Punt Returns		
6 at N.O. (11-25-90) 4 Raid (9-22-91) 4 at NYJ (11-26-89) 4 at Chi (11-11-90)	83 Rams (9-10-89) 79 Cin (10-28-90) 50 at N.O. (11-25-90) 39 Buff (11-5-89)	79.0 Cin (10-28-90) 41.5 Rams (9-10-89) 13.0 Buff (11-5-89)	79t Cin (10-28-90) 68t Rams (9-10-89) 36 Wash (12-17-89)
	Kickoff Returns		
6 Wash (12-17-89) 6 at Rams (10-21-90) 5 at Chi (11-11-90) 5 SF (10-14-90)	129 Wash (12-17-89) 127 at S.F. (10-13-91) 121 at Rams (10-21-90) 119 at Dall (12-22-91) 102 S.F. (10-14-90)	42.3 at S.F. (10-13-91) 41.5 Pats (10-15-89) 38.5 Rams (12-23-90) 33.5 at T.B. (12-2-90)	100t at S.F. (10-13-91) 72 at NO (10-29-89) 60 Pats (10-15-89) 50 Rams (12-23-90)
Interceptions	**Long**		
2 Sea (12-15-91)	82t Hous (9-9-90) 61t Dall (12-20-90) 55t Sea (12-15-91)		All-Purpose Return Yards (PR, KR, INT) 177 Wash (12-17-89) 125 Rams (10-21-90) 113 Hou (9-9-90) 106 at N.O. (10-29-89)

TOP INTERCEPTION TANDEMS		NFC INDIVIDUAL LEADERS		TEAM COMP % VS. DEF.	
SANDERS/McKYER, ATL	**12**	**SANDERS, ATL**	**6**	Phil	44.1%
Odomes/Jackson, Buff	9	McKYER, ATL	6	Denver	51.7%
Green/Mayhew, Wash	8	Crockett, Det	6	**ATLANTA**	**52.4%**
Buck/Cook, NO	8	Williams, Pho	6	New Orleans	52.7%

Arkansas State
6th Year
Ht.: 5'11"
Wt.: 185
Born: 12-24-64

Acquisition: 11th Round, 292nd overall, 1987 Draft

Elbert
SHELLEY
CORNERBACK
37

Last Season

Elbert was his usual steady self in his 5th season in 1991. The special teams standout was voted as an alternate on the Pro Bowl for the second straight year. The ex-Arkansas State alum was second on the club with 22 special teams tackles. His forced fumble on a Green Bay kickoff in the 4th quarter was picked up and run back 16 yards for a touchdown to help the Falcons pull off the come from behind victory. He also registered a forced fumble against Phoenix. Shelley's nose for the big play was evident as he dove just before the end zone to knock a punt down at the Seattle two-yard line, setting up an eventual Falcon safety in Week 16. He began the season by collecting all three of the team's special teams stops at Kansas City. His 21 tackles on coverage units are even more impressive when you notice the double and triple teams he receives each play. His bone-jarring hit on Saints returner Ken McAfee in the Playoffs nailed New Orleans at their own 17-yard line and forced them to go 83-yards to try to tie the score with just over two minutes remaining. Elbert made the switch to cornerback from his safety position last year and was used in certain situations. He recorded two QB sacks on blitzes last year which resulted in two forced fumbles. He missed five games due to a hamstring pull.

Pro Career

The special teams captain has applied his trade with consistency in his career, especially over the past two years, as he has totaled 46 tackles on Falcons coverage units. The appreciation of Elbert's "special" talents received a boost when a former special teams coach (Glanville) was named head boss in 1990. Shelley has worked himself into an NFL contributer through arduous labor after coming into the League as a low 11th round draft pick. He received notice around the NFL as a rookie in '87 as he jarred the ball loose from a Cowboy kick returner and the birds ran it in for a score in a 20-10 win at Texas Stadium. His solid play on special teams was first recognized by his peers in the League in '90 when he was named as a first alternate on the NFC Pro Bowl squad by virtue of his 24 tackles. The special teams leader in 1989 (team-

high 14 stops) snared his first career theft that season while patroling the secondary against the Bills.

Notebook

Shelley revels in his role as a catalyst for the Falcons special teams. "It takes a special attitude to be a standout on special teams," he exclaimed. A weightlifting guru, Elbert is known to his teammates as "Brick" because of his chiseled, muscular body. He considers lifting weights as actually a hobby rather than work. Shelley got seriously into weightlifting in college when he would spend endless hours on the machines during the long summers away from the football field. This gym, weightlifting rat, continued his hobby in the pros where he gets plenty of good-natured ribbing from his teammates. He once bench pressed 335 pounds (more than twice his own body weight) and can leg press 700 pounds 10 times. He was somewhat distressed last year as he tried to lose body weight to complete his conversion to corner and had to cut back on his lifting. Elbert likes to go fishing and bowling in his spare time and tinker with his 1984 Ram D-50 truck. He has made quite a few changes on his pride and joy including changing the color from red to pearl black and adding a chrome 350 engine with a 240 intact. He also has added a '67 Ford Mustang rear to the truck that he's had since his days at Arkansas State and chromed the front grill and fender. He showed off his 'new wheels' to awaiting teammates and strutted it at auto shows in the offseason.

College

The running back turned defensive back accumulated 103 tackles as a two-year starter for the Indians of Arkansas State. Elbert also picked off six passes for 75 return yards from his strong safety position and forced four fumbles and recovered three others while also showing a penchant for playing special teams. In his first and only season in the ASU backfield as a freshman, he gained 62 yards on 8 carries with runs of 30 and 24 yards and one TD.

Personal

Elbert Vernell gets his toughness from being the 11th child in a huge family of 12 kids of Herbert and Clytee Shelley, and from the fact that he was born through a mid-wife rather than at a hospital. He helped guide his Truman High team to the state playoffs for the first time in 10 years as the featured running back. Before his career was over, he gained 1,687 yards with 10, 100-yard rushing games, while collecting over 100 yards in 16 of his last 20 games for 21 TD's. He also ran a leg on the school's record setting mile relay team and was the MVP on his senior basketball squad as a 5-10 center. He's still one of the biggest names to hail from the town of Tyronza, Arkansas.

Career Statistics

			Tackles								Special Teams		
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Asst.	PD	Int.	Yds.	FF	FR	No.	Solo	Asst.
1987	Atl	4/0	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	1
1988	Atl	12/0	12	9	3	4	0	0	0	0	15	11	4
1989	Atl	10/0	14	7	7	2	1	31	0	0	12	11	1
1990	Atl	12/0	10	6	4	2	0	0	0	1	24	15	9
1991	Atl	11/0	9	7	2	0	0	0	2	0	22	10	12
Totals		49/0	48	32	16	9	1	31	3	1	76	49	27
Playoff Totals:													
1991		2/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1

Nebraska
2nd Year
Ht.: 6'3"
Wt.: 294
Born: 3-1-69

Acquisition: 11th Round, 283rd overall, 1991 Draft

Joe
SIMS
GUARD
66

Last Season

Joe Sims had an interesting rookie season which started out with a position switch from the defensive line to offensive line in training camp. He left camp for a few days confused over the move to a position he had never played. But he returned to Suwanee and made the Falcons final roster. Sims was placed on the club's Practice Squad to further enhance his learning process in his first season in the NFL. Joe remained on the Practice Squad until injuries to Mike Kenn and Bill Fralic necessitated making a move. He was activated to the roster for a Week 11 encounter at Washington. Entering the game at left tackle against the undefeated Redskins, Sims received passing grades in his first tough assignment. Joe went on to log time in every game the rest of the year except Seattle to total six games played in '91.

Notebook/Personal

The product of Sudbury, Mass., Joe had his jersey retired in the offseason from Sudbury Lincoln High School. Joe played on teams that posted consecutive 12-0 and 11-0 records and a pair of state championships. One of his teammates on those clubs was 1991 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year Mike Croel. Sims was a split end at the prep level, catching 16 passes for 220 yards and four scores, so he had heard some offensive signals prior to his transition to offense a year ago. He also manned the defensive tackle position in an All-State senior campaign and led the school's b-ball squad in scoring at 19 points per game in a 19-1 season. Joe isn't the only athlete in the Sims family as his brother Kevin competed in football at New Hampshire and his other brother John played hoops at Maine. Sims needed time to think over his switch from defense to offense in the Falcons training camp and sought advice from his coaches from Nebraska. "You can't just walk in and play offensive line," Joe said. "It's harder mentally on you." After his NFL indoctrination against the World Champion Redskins, Sims proved something to himself. "After today I know I can play offensive tackle," he said after the game. "I'm not saying I'll be the most polished tackle around, but I know now I can go in and play if they need me." In 1991, he will work at the guard position. He was on the same Cornhusker team with Bruce Pickens and Denver #1 pick Mike Croel. He was born on March 1, 1969 to John (IBM Executive) and Shirley Sims.

College Career

With the Big Eight Cornhuskers, Sims finished his career with 70 tackles, seven QB sacks, 20 QB hurries, 12 tackles for losses, and a pass interception. In his final three seasons, he missed just one game with an injury, while participating on three Bowl teams. In his senior campaign,

Sims was a second-team All-Big Eight pick with his four sacks, six tackles for losses, eight QB hurries and an interception. He was twice voted the Huskers' defensive Player-of-the-Week with a nine-tackle, one sack, game vs. Iowa State and an eight effort vs. Kansas State. As a sophomore, Sims played all 12 games and the Orange Bowl. He became the starter at left tackle as a junior and played every game. Then, as a senior, he was one of the team leaders. Joe's final game was in the Citrus Bowl against Georgia Tech, while he also participated in the Fiesta Bowl (Florida State) and Orange Bowl (U. of Miami) with Nebraska.

UNLV
4th Year
Ht.: 5'9"
Wt.: 169
Born: 7-11-64

Acquisition: 6th Round, 138th overall, 1988 Draft

George
THOMAS
WIDE RECEIVER
89

Last Season

George's second season in the Red Gun offense started out in high fashion in Week 2 against Minnesota as he set personal-bests for receptions in a game with 7 and yards with 128 to go along with his 20-yard touchdown. His progress was hindered though as he was forced to go on Injured Reserve with a bad shoulder in Week 7. But he returned to action in three weeks to establish career-highs in '91 with his 28 catches and two scores. In Week 16 against Seattle, the speedster hauled in four passes, including a four-yard TD, to aid the Falcons in clinching a Playoff berth for the first time in nine years. The former UNLV star recorded two of the Falcons long plays over 30 yards with his 37 yard grab vs. Saints (Week 5) and his 32-yarder vs. Vikings. George came up with a clutch third down conversion for 19 yards to keep a drive alive as the Falcons eventually knotted the score at 20 apiece during the Playoff win over the Saints.

Pro Career

Thomas has improved each season to become a deep threat in the Falcons Red Gun attack. In 1990, he led the team with a 21.3 per catch average, piling up 383 yards on 18 receptions. His 51 yard catch off the hands of Chris Miller vs. Saints was his first NFL touchdown and put the Falcons ahead 10-7. "Heat" ran by opponents for long receptions of 72, 53, 51, and 50 yards. He had a personal-high of five aerials for 97 yards against the Rams. The quick and agile Thomas also has been a contributor on Falcons special teams in his tenure in Atlanta, evidenced by his two blocked punts. He had foot surgery prior to his rookie season and went on IR for most of the year before returning at the end of the '88 campaign.

Notebook

George's short pro career has been marked by big plays, injuries and blazing speed. He has six catches of 30 yards or more out of his 50 career receptions, which means 1 in every 8 catches goes the distance. Thomas has also chipped in on special teams to block a team record two punts in a single game vs. 49ers in '90 as one of his caroms resulted in a TD for Bobby Butler. It was only the second time he had ever lined up on the punt block team. Injuries have come in the form of a stress fracture, (which required surgery), and calf and shoulder problems that have placed him on Injured Reserve in every season. The speed merchant, who has gone by the simple but appropriate nickname of "Heat," has been clocked at 4.3 in the 40 and has provided the Falcons with another burner to test opponents secondary's. He should be especially effective in the new astroturf at the Georgia Dome. George earned his moniker in college by hauling in long aerials from Randall Cunningham of the Eagles and was in the same offense with Ickey Woods.

College

"Heat" scorched opponents during his stay at Nevada-Las Vegas as he did it all, whether it was catching passes (103 for 1,826 yards), returning kicks (45 kickoffs for 1,072 yards), or going the distance (17 TD's). He majored in turning on the afterburners as he recorded longs of 80, 77, 71, 67 and 62 yards on pass receptions and 71, 56, 53 and 52 yards on returning kicks. Thomas' most famous college game witnessed him score a touchdown with three seconds left on the clock to bring UNLV within a point, then grab the two-point conversion for the win. George put his team in striking distance in that game vs. Utah State by returning a kick 52 yards. He still holds the Runnin' Rebels record for his 197-yard receiving game against Cal-State Fullerton and also registered an all-purpose total of 224 yards versus San Jose State.

Personal

The native of Riverside, California was a state sprint champion in high school at Indio. The three sport standout also excelled in football and basketball, winning three varsity letters in each sport, and All-League, All-County and All-CIF honors in all for the Indio, CA. school. A social science major at UNLV, he and his wife, Vicki, have two daughters, Shavanta and Anastasia, and live in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No. Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	Ret.	Yards	Avg.	Long
1988	Atl.	Injured Reserve									
1989	Atl.	16/0	4	46	11.5	16		7	142	20.3	28
1990	Atl.	13/2	18	383	21.3	72	1	0	0	0	0
1991	Atl.	12/6	28	365	13.0	37	2				
Total		41/8	50	794	15.8	72	3	7	142	20.3	28
Playoff Totals:											
1991	Atl.	2/0	2	34	17.0	19	0				

Middle Tenn. St.
4th Year
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 230
Born: 7-22-66

Acquisition: Free Agent, May 9, 1990

Ken
TIPPINS
LINEBACKER
52

Last Season

"Tip" was a valuable commodity among the Falcons linebacking corps. He started seven times in 1991, while playing in all 16 games for the second straight year, and ended up with a career-high 72 tackles. He also had a QB sack of Dave Krieg (vs. Seahawks) a fumble recovery TD (Saints), 6 other QB pressures, a forced fumble, and his first career interception (vs. Cowboys). His top efforts a year ago included 13 tackles vs. Redskins in the Playoffs (tieing a career-best), 9 stops vs. Saints, and 8 each vs. 49ers and Packers. The special teams force also added 21 tackles on coverage units, third-best on the club. His 20 total tackles in the Playoffs were good enough to be third on the team list behind Tuggle (31) and Jordan (22).

Pro Career

Ken ran his NFL games played experience to 38 in three seasons with last year's numbers. He now owns a streak of 32 straight games participated in over the past two campaigns. Tippins logged time in six games as a rookie for the Cowboys after serving his NFL apprenticeship earlier on the Developmental Squad in 1989, finishing with six tackles and two special teams solos. He has captured the "Hit the Beach" helmet for his 'special' play on the units twice in his career.

Notebook

Tippins path to the NFL has included proving his worth on special teams. He made the Dallas Cowboys roster through this 'special' avenue and it has continued today. His best day ever on the units came in '90 against Phoenix when he collared four tackles on teams and he has totaled 49 stops over the last two seasons. He has been escorted up and down the field prior to Falcons games by the Marine Corps Color Guard in a military helmet in each of the past two years for his outstanding work. He earned the honor one time by leaping over the wedge on a kickoff against Houston. His role took a turn for the best last year as he saw considerable action in the Falcons second line of defense and he responded by having a career-year. He showed flashes that he could respond to the full-time demands of a linebacker in '90 when he filled in for John Rade in the first quarter in Week 12 vs. Saints and set a personal-best with 12 tackles, and in Week 15 at Cleveland when he spelled Jessie Tuggle and finished with 12 stops.

College

"Tip" was a two-time All-Ohio Valley conference selection at defensive end for the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. He collected 151 tackles, with 20

stops behind the line of scrimmage, and nine QB sacks as a three-year starter. His best college game came versus Eastern Kentucky as he registered 11 tackles, a sack, an interception and two recovered fumbles.

Personal

Tippins has had the pleasure of both playing high school and pro football in the peach state. The Cooks High School protege and product of Adel, GA, made the all-county squad on the gridiron and was a 19 point scorer on the basketball team. The athletic Ken also set the school's long jump record of 21-9. He followed such former Blue Raider players to the pros like Don Griffin (49ers), David Little (Eagles/Chiefs) and Dwight Stone (Steelers).

Career Statistics

			Tackles								Spec. Teams	
Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Press.	Int.	PD	FF	FR	No.
1989	Dall	6/0	6	3	3					0	0	2
1990	Atl	16/2	35	22	13					0	0	28
1991	Atl	16/7	72	32	40	1	6	1	2	1	1	21
Totals:		38/9	113	57	56	1	6	1	2	3	1	51
Playoff Totals:												
1991		2/2	20	13	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Texas Tech
4th Year
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 218
Born: 2-7-66

Acquisition: Trade with Chargers, August 28, 1991

Billy Joe
TOLLIVER
QUARTERBACK
11

Last Season

Billy Joe was acquired by the Falcons three days before the season opener for a fifth round '92 draft choice to the Chargers. He provided much-needed experience to the position and paid dividends as a back-up to Chris Miller. It was Tolliver's Hail Mary pass that completed the sweep of the 49ers in the birds exciting, last second 17-14 victory. He relieved an injured Miller in the second quarter versus SF and was accurate on 11 of 22 passes for 120 yards, with two TD's, and no interceptions. In the final game-winning drive, Billy Joe completed a crucial 4th down pass (at his own 37-yard line) for 19 yards to Andre Rison to keep the drive alive. Against the Rams the week before, he was a perfect 5-5 for 45 yards in the 4th quarter of a 31-14 win. He received a start last year in a tough road game in Week 11 at Washington for Miller (ribs) and

was 14 for 31 for 243 yards versus the undefeated Redskins, including a career-long 75 yard TD toss to Michael Haynes on the first play of the second half. Tolliver's other start was versus the Packers and he logged time against the Bucs for a stint in the final stanza. For his initial season in Atlanta, the newcomer from Texas Tech threw for 531 yards, on 40 of 82 passing, with four TD's and two pickoffs.

Pro Career

The young, yet experienced, Tolliver ran his NFL games played total to 27 in three seasons with seven more under his belt in Atlanta. Billy Joe was a second round pick of the Chargers in '89. As a rookie, he had five starts, throwing 185 times, completing 89, for 1,097 yards, with five TD's and 8 thefts. He had his first 300-yard passing game of his career on Dec. 10 at Washington with a 24-39 effort for 350 yards and two scores. He followed that up with a 305-yard day (22-48) two weeks later in a victory over Denver. Billy Joe was San Diego's starter in 1990, getting the call in 14 games, completing 53% of his passes (216-410) for 2,574 yards and 16 TD's. He went through a stretch of 140 passes without an interception (Weeks 6-11) in '90, the second longest streak in Chargers history (168 by Dan Fouts). His first season in the pros was slowed by a broken collarbone sustained in the last preseason game and he was placed on Injured Reserve until Oct. 21.

Notebook

Billy Joe's first ever NFL appearance turned into his first start on Oct. 29, 1989 at Seattle. His 350 yard passing effort against the Redskins was the best day ever by a San Diego rookie and 4th highest all time in NFL annals by a rookie (Troy Aikman - 379, Kelly Stouffer - 370, Vinny Testaverde - 369). He then became the only QB to throw for 300 yards on a Denver defense (ranked 3rd in League) all season as he tossed for 305 on Dec. 24. Tolliver continued to show he can come through in the clutch with his last second "Big Ben III" pass to Michael Haynes to edge the Niners. In San Diego in '89, he completed 29-44 aerials in the 4th quarter of the last four games as a starter and was 13-17 in final drives of those affairs. The strong-armed signal-caller was the third quarterback drafted in 1989 behind Troy Aikman and Mike Elkins after the Chargers traded third, fourth, and seventh round choices to the Giants in order to be in position to take the Texas Tech record breaker.

College

Big Billy Joe holds just about every passing record at Texas Tech, including completions with 493, touchdowns with 38, yards with 6,756, and attempts with 1,007. The All-Southwest Conference honoree earned the starting spot as freshman and played for three different head coaches in his time at the Lubbock, Texas, school. As a senior, he threw for 2,869 yards and 20 TD's. He showed Red Raider fans he was something special in his very first collegiate start as he set a conference record with 422 yards against TCU. He finished his college career the way it began by throwing for 456 yards versus Oklahoma State.

Personal

A "legend" in the town of Boyd, Texas (pop. 1,189), the local hero is simply known as "Shotgun" (his father gave him the nickname) to the friendly folks in those parts. His exploits from high school to college to the pros are talked about from Kip and Karen's Double K Bar-B-Q, to Jerry's Cactus Jack Tavern, and all points in between. The former leader of Boyd Yellowjackets 1983 State Class AA high school football champions is the second oldest child of Sharon and Charles "Snake" Tolliver. Billy Joe's name is still the first one listed on a billboard congratulating the state champs from the town with one traffic light, one doctor, one hamburger stand, and one police officer,

located 30 miles from Dallas. The red-haired, freckled-face Tolliver has been the talk of the town ever since he started driving a 1966 Ford pickup in the 4th grade. He was the Fort Worth Star Telegram's Player of the Year in his senior season for his play as a QB, punter and kicker. The hard-throwing right-hander hurled 14 no-hitters on the strength of a 92 mph fast ball, while registering a 16-4 record for the baseball team. Billy Joe now confines himself to the golf course when he's not on the football field these days. He and his wife, Sheila, have two kids, son, Austin, and daughter, Mackenzie.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	LG	TD	Int.	Rtg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1989	S.D.	5/5	185	89	1097	48.1	49	5	8	57.9	7	0	0.0	3
1990	S.D.	15/14	410	216	2574	52.7	45t	16	16	68.9	14	22	1.6	10
1991	Atl.	7/2	82	40	531	48.7	75t	4	2	101.6	9	6	.66	0
Totals:		27/21	677	345	4202	51.0	75T	25	26	75.8	30	28	.93	13

Tolliver's Personal Bests

Attempts

51 at Denv (12-16-90)
51 Jets (12-3-89)
48 Den (12-24-89)
39 at Wash (12-10-89)
38 Cinc (9-16-90)
38 at KC (11-18-90)
31 at Wash (11-10-91)
30 at KC (12-17-89)

Loss Yards

350 at Wash (12-10-89)
308 at Denv (12-16-90)
305 Denv (12-24-89)
284 Cinc (9-16-90)
243 at Wash (11-10-91)
230 Jets (12-3-89)

Most TD's

2 Jets (12-2-90)
2 at Sea (11-4-90)
2 Cinc (9-16-90)
2 at Clev (9-23-90)
2 at KC (12-17-89)
2 at Wash (12-10-89)
2 SF (11-3-91)
2 at Wash (11-10-91)

Fewest Sacked

0 five times

Completions

26 at Denv (12-16-90)
24 Jets (12-3-89)
24 Wash (12-10-89)
22 Denv (12-24-89)
21 KC (11-18-90)
20 Cinc (9-16-90)
18 KC (12-17-89)
14 at Wash (11-10-91)

Net Yards

350 at Wash (12-10-89)
305 Denv (12-24-89)
298 at Denv (12-16-90)
278 Cinc (9-16-90)
209 at Wash (11-10-91)

Fewest Int.

0 seven times

Longest Streak w/o Int.

(140-weeks, 6-11-90)

Most Sacked

5 Jets (12-3-89)
5 at Wash (11-10-91)
3 KC (12-17-89)
3 KC (12-17-89)

Pct.

.682 (16-22) Seat (11-25-90)
.667 (18-27) KC (12-23-90)
.615 (24-39) at Wash (12-10-89)
.592 (16-27) Den (11-11-90)

Long

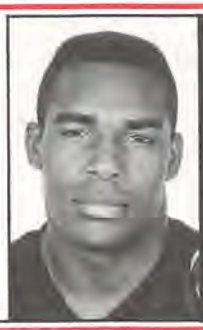
75t at Wash (11-10-91)
49 Denv (12-24-89)
49 at Wash (12-20-89)
45t at Seat (11-4-89)
44t SG (11-3-91)
36t Cinc (9-16-90)

Most Int.

4 Denv (12-24-89)
2 (5 times)

Valdosta State
6th Year
Ht.: 5'11"
Wt.: 230
Born: 2-14-65

Acquisition: Free Agent, May 4, 1987



Jessie
TUGGLE
LINEBACKER
58

Last Season

For the second straight year, Jessie hammered enough opponents to lead the NFL in tackles with a career-high 207 from his inside linebacker position. The *Sports Illustrated* All-Pro became the first Falcon in team history to record back-to-back 200+ tackle seasons. The 207 total stops averages out to 12.9 tackles per game for the productive Tuggle as he paced the team in that department in half of the Falcons games last year. He earned NFC Def. Player of the Month honors for December by totaling 49 tackles, 1FR, and his first NFL pickoff, in the last four games. "The Hammer" showed his leadership in the Playoffs by nailing down a team-best 31 total tackles. Jessie registered his second busiest day of his career with 22 tackles against New Orleans in Week 5. His other top outings in '91 included: 19 stops versus the Cowboys in Week 17, 17 stops apiece against the Vikings (Week 2), Cardinals (Week 8) and 49ers (Week 10), and 14 in the rematch with the Saints on national TV in Week 13. He returned a Raider fumble 18 yards for a touchdown to put the Falcons on the scoreboard early. In all, Tuggle amassed a personal-best 12, double digit tackle games, tied for the team lead with 2 recovered fumbles, had a sack, a forced fumble, 6 QB pressures, and his first NFL interception, in his fifth season in the League.

Pro Career

Consistent Jessie has quietly put together a string of 74 consecutive games played over the last four years and with another 16 this season can approach Steve Bartkowski in fourth place with 100. Tuggle now has four straight 100+ tackle seasons to his credit and his 377 solo tackles over that period are a team-best. Jessie has 729 total tackles in 76 NFL games, which averages out to 9.6 stops a game.

Year-by-Year

1990: Jessie led the NFL in tackles with a then personal-best of 201 as he helped the Falcons record the lowest per rush average in the League at 3.3. He was the first Falcon to total over 200 stops since Buddy Curry's 229 in 1983. Tuggle was second on the club with 5 QB sacks and finished in double digits in tackles 11 times. His 24 tackles set a personal-high against the Bengals and included a streak of 10+ tackle efforts in eight consecutive weeks.

1989: In his first full season as a starter, he collared a club-high 183 stops from the inside and paced the team in tackles in 10 out of 16 games.

1988: He developed a reputation around the League by dealing out vicious blows in a sophomore campaign that included his first 100-plus tackle season. Jessie started 8 out of his 16 games played and recovered a fumbled punt return for his first NFL TD at the Rams, while chipping in with 17 tackles and a blocked field goal.

1987: As a rookie, young Jessie played in 12 games, with four starts, and impressed with plenty of hard hits. He made the roster as a free agent after a strong camp.

Honors

1991: All-Pro, Sports Illustrated
Pro Bowl alternate
NFC Def. Player of the Month (Dec.)
1990: All-Pro (honorable mention), Associated Press

Notebook

By now, Jessie's meteoric rise to big-time NFL starter, after coming into the League as a free agent, is well-documented. The Falcons took a recommendation from Valdosta State's Coach Mike Cavan at an offseason banquet and parlayed it into an invitation to their 1987 training camp. Tuggle took it from there as he turned coaches heads with his relentless, bone-rattling hits day-after-day in the hot Georgia sun to make the club. He is the Falcons designated all-purpose backer and one of the few linebackers in the League who stays in the entire game. He is also the birds defensive signal-caller and Coach Glanville says, "He can play in space, he can play in the open field, he can play on every down, and he can play in a phone booth. He can flat play football."The quiet, but intense competitor is also known as "The Body" (after the pro wrestler), because of his strong upper torso, besides his other nickname of "Hammer" (because of the punishment he dishes out). Jessie may be unassuming in the Falcons sometimes vociferous locker room, but he's all business when he takes the field. "I want to be the toughest guy on the field," he says. "I love making the big hits!" Tuggle tries to emulate the Saints Sam Mills and the Bears Mike Singletary because they've been successful despite not having the 'prototype size' of an inside backer. If Jessie's favorite saying is true..."You don't judge people by their size, but rather by the size of their heart"...then the 5-11, 230 pound human wrecking machine surely possesses one of the biggest hearts in the game! He also shows a big heart to the Atlanta community by donating monetary pledges for his on-field performances to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Atlanta.

College

Jessie received the ultimate compliment when his #88 jersey was retired from Valdosta State last year. He left as the Blazers record holder with 340 tackles. A Gulf South Conference selection for three years, he helped guide his team to a 9-2 mark as a senior as he ended up a fine collegiate career with 129 tackles (nearly double as many as any player on the roster). A four-year starter, he was the conference's defensive player of the year.

Personal

Tuggle's had the luxury of playing his whole football career in the state of Georgia. Born and raised in Spalding, GA, Jessie Floyd, Jr. attended Griffin High School and earned team MVP honors as a senior, while dabbling on the school's baseball team in the springs. Being reared in the peach state means that Jessie grew up as a Falcon fan. His prep coach Lloyd Bohannon knew Tuggle was destined for something great. "He's the hardest working young man I've ever seen, whether it's at practice, in the weight room, or working on his speed," he once said. He is the middle child of six kids to Jessie Floyd, Sr., and Ada Tuggle. The Business Management major at Valdosta State and his wife, Dujuan, have one son, Justin, and live in Alpharetta, GA.

Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP/GS	No.	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Press.	PD	FF	FR	Spec. Tms.
1987	Atl.	12/4	35	18	17	1	6	2			7
1988	Atl.	16/8	103	60	43	0	1	3			11
1989	Atl.	16/16	183	112	71	1	5	3			10
1990	Atl.	16/14	201	99	102	5	10	2			9
1991	Atl.	16/16	207	106	101	1	6	4	1	2	10
Totals		76/58	729	395	334	8	28	14	1	2	47
Playoff Totals:											
1991		2/2	31	15	16	0	0	0	0	0	0

Tuggle's NFL Leading '92 Total

		Total	Solo	Asst.
Week 1	at KC	10	7	3
Week 2	Minn	17	8	9
Week 3	at SD	8	3	5
Week 4	Raiders	11	3	8
Week 5	Saints	22	14	8
Week 6	at SF	16	9	7
Week 7	at Phoe	17	9	8
Week 8	Rams	8	3	5
Week 9	49ers	17	13	4
Week 10	at Wash	12	9	3
Week 11	T.B.	6	3	3
Week 12	at NO	14	7	7
Week 13	G.B.	12	7	5
Week 14	at Rams	8	4	4
Week 15	Seattle	10	5	5
Week 16	at Dall	19	8	11
Playoff 1	at NO	15	7	8
Playoff 2	at Wash	16	10	6

FLIGHT OF THE FALCON

Back in 1965, the newly awarded Atlanta franchise of the NFL was in need of a club nickname. The club received thousands of entries. A total of forty people submitted the name of the "Falcons." But, Miss Julia Elliott, a school teacher from Griffin, Georgia, at the time was singled out as the winner. Her description of what a Falcon was proved to be the deciding factor in her being judged the winner. Her description is as follows: "The Falcon is proud and dignified with great courage and flight. It never drops its prey. It's deadly and has a great sporting tradition." Despite the sadness of Miss Elliott's passing away in 1990, the Atlanta Falcons Football Club will forever hold fond memories of Julia, as the one who gave the club its nickname.

THE SUPER BOWL

In 1970, the NFL was divided into two 13-team conferences, comprised of the 26 teams formerly competing in the National Football League and the American Football League. Each conference was further divided into three divisions, the winner of each conference to be determined by a playoff of the three division winners plus the second place team within the conference with the best record. The winner of the two conferences meet in the NFL title game—The Super Bowl. An additional wild card team from each conference was added in 1978. In 1982, a special 16-team Super Bowl Tournament determined the NFL Championship. The NFC team has won the last eight Super Bowls and ten of the last eleven.

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS

1966 I—Green Bay, 35; Kansas City, 10—at Los Angeles, CA
1967 II—Green Bay, 33; Oakland, 14—at Miami, FL
1968 III—New York Jets, 16; Baltimore, 7—at Miami, FL
1969 IV—Kansas City, 23; Minnesota, 7—at New Orleans, LA
1970 V—Baltimore, 16; Dallas, 13—at Miami, FL
1971 VI—Dallas, 24; Miami 3—at New Orleans, LA
1972 VII—Miami, 14; Washington, 7—at Los Angeles, CA
1973 VIII—Miami, 24; Minnesota, 7—at Houston, TX
1974 IX— Pittsburgh, 16; Minnesota, 6—at New Orleans, LA
1975 X—Pittsburgh, 21; Dallas, 17—at Miami, FL
1976 XI—Oakland, 32; Minnesota, 14—at Pasadena, CA
1977 XII—Dallas, 27; Denver, 10—at New Orleans, LA
1978 XIII—Pittsburgh, 35; Dallas, 31—at Miami, FL
1979 XIV—Pittsburgh, 31; Los Angeles Rams, 19—at Pasadena, CA
1980 XV—Oakland, 27; Philadelphia, 10—at New Orleans, LA
1981 XVI—San Francisco, 26; Cincinnati, 21—at Pontiac, MI
1982 XVII—Washington, 27; Miami, 17—At Pasadena, CA
1983 XVIII—LA Raiders, 38; Washington, 9—at Tampa, FL
1984 XIX—San Francisco, 38; Miami, 16—at Palo Alto, CA
1985 XX—Chicago, 46; New England, 10—at New Orleans, LA
1986 XXI—New York Giants, 39; Denver 20—at Pasadena, CA
1987 XXII—Washington, 42; Denver, 10—at San Diego, CA
1988 XXIII—San Francisco, 20; Cincinnati, 16—at Miami, FL
1989 XXIV—San Francisco 55, Denver 10—at New Orleans
1990 XXV—New York 20, Buffalo 19—at Tampa, FL
1991 XXVI—Washington 37, Buffalo 24—at Minnesota
1992 XXVII—At Pasadena, CA, January 31, 1993
1993 XXVIII— At Atlanta, GA, January, 1994
1994 XXIX—At Miami, FL, January, 1995

POSTSEASON

Jan. 2-3.....Wild Card Playoff Games
Jan. 9-10.....Divisional Playoff Games
Jan. 17.....AFC/NFC Championship Games
Jan. 31.....Super Bowl XXVII, Rose Bowl
Feb. 7.....AFC/NFC Pro Bowl

NEW FACES

Stanford
Ht.: 6'5"
Wt.: 291
Born: 10-18-71

Acquisition: 1st Round, 8th overall

Bob
WHITFIELD
OFFENSIVE TACKLE
70

College Career

Coming out after his junior season, the 20-year-old was regarded by most as the most dominating offensive lineman in all college football. The first lineman picked in this Draft, Bob ended up a Falcon when Ken Herock engineered a trade to move up from 17th to 8th (giving up a 2 and a 4, which the Falcons got back later in the draft). The tough Whitfield played every down at left tackle for Head Coach Dennis Green (now the Minnesota Vikings head coach) for all three seasons and was a two-time nominee for the Vince Lombardi award and a nominee last year for the Outland Trophy. Each year with Bob the Cardinal improved from 3-8 to 5-6 to a top 25 ranking at 8-3 and an Aloha Bowl bid to play Georgia Tech (Tech's late punt return sparked a 18-17 win). Bob helped his team gain over 350 yards on Tech, with Vardell gaining over 100. Big Bob blocked for "Touchdown Tommy" Vardell, the 10th player taken overall in this Draft (by Cleveland). Bob became the highest Stanford player taken in the NFL draft day since John Elway was taken as the No. 1 overall choice by the Baltimore Colts in 1983.

Year-By-Year

1991: The 20-year-old junior was a consensus All-American and first team All-Pac 10 (second time) pick. His quickness and size (near 300 pounds) had many publications and scouts comparing him to another former PAC-10 player and NFL great, Anthony Munoz. The 8-3 Cardinal season included wins over top 20 teams like Colorado and UCLA and featured an offense that averaged 31.9 points and almost 400 yards per game. In the 100th anniversary of Stanford football, Bob was one of the cover boys with past greats like Jim Plunkett, Gordon King, and Frankie Albert.

1990: As a sophomore, Bob earned first team All-American recognition (second team) and all-PAC 10 first team honors. In the tough PAC-10, Bob did not allow a QB sack all season as the offense improved to average 384 yards per game. Highlights included a win over Notre Dame and three straight wins to end the season (over Conference rivals Washington State, Arizona, and California). He was the only sophomore out of 14 finalists for the Outland Trophy.

1989: Became a starter as a 17-year-old freshman and was All-PAC 10 second team pick and Freshman first-team All-American. Bob was the only Stanford player picked all-conference. He won Stanford's "Iron Man" award for playing in every offensive snap. Showing his hustle, he won ESPN's "Hit of the Week" for his tackle of a linebacker who was returning an interception.

Coach Green says, "God gave him the size and the temperment, and Bob is willing to do the rest. He works hard, he understands the game and, most important, he wants people to know how good he is. He wants to be recognized as the best tackle in America, and he's willing to do whatever it takes for that to happen."

Personal

Born Oct. 18, 1971 in Carson, CA, (south Los Angeles), Robert was into academics before he was into sports. His mother, Eartha, says as a five-year-old he was reading the Bible and starting on the encyclopedia. Dad got Bob into sports, but it wasn't until 9th grade that he got into football. In the tough inner-city of LA, Bob's older brother was with a street gang for a while and he warned younger brother Bob to stay away from that lifestyle. Respectful Bob still notes "you can bench press 5,000 pounds, but you still are afraid of your older brother." In college, he was known for his pranks on teammates and his quips to the media. At his press conference on draft day in Palo Alto, CA, he was asked about the earthquake that shook the northern part of the state that day and he exclaimed, "That wasn't an earthquake. That was just me running down the hall (after I got drafted)." A week before the draft the flamboyant Whitfield joked to reporters that the Falcons were going to trade Deion Sanders to get him. Bob also claimed to be "the champion of Nintendo's football game 'Temco Bowl' and a good break dancer. The off-field Bob majored in Economics at Stanford, while working with the college liaison program to underprivileged children in the crime-ridden neighborhoods of East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park. Despite being a high NFL draft pick, mother Eartha will make sure big Bob stays on the ground. "I don't care if he's 20 years old and a millionaire. I'm still his mother and he will get his degree." His high school athletic career saw him rise to the number one lineman in America and had schools like Notre Dame, Michigan, UCLA, Miami and others calling. Mom helped him select Stanford in Dennis Green's first season there. As the story goes, Whitfield was such a coveted recruit that the first person Green called upon being hired by Stanford wasn't even his own wife, but instead it was Bob Whitfield. At Banning High in Carson, he helped his team finish 11-3 and go to the LA City Finals, while earning honor roll recognition for his grades in the classroom. Big Bob was named the Gatorade Circle of Champions California Player of the Year in 1988 as the best football player in the state.

Falcon Fact

Bob is the fifth offensive lineman in the club's 27 years of drafts to be taken in the first round. The first was back in 1969 with George Kunz from Notre Dame (2nd). After three Pro Bowls, Kunz was traded for a 1st pick that later brought Steve Bartkowski. In '77, the club took Warren Bryant, who started on the three Falcons Playoffs teams in '78, '80 (Division title) and '82. In '78, Mike Kenn was tabbed with the 13th pick and he's gone on to play over 200 games and earn five Pro Bowls. The previous had been Bill Fralic at guard in '85 with the second overall pick. Fralic has been voted to the NFL Team of the Decade for the '80's and was the only NFL guard in the last 25 years to play in four consecutive Pro Bowls. Those leave some "big shoes" for Bob to fill, but with his size 15 feet and ability it may not be that tough a challenge.

So. Mississippi
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 214
Born: 6-29-70

Acquisition: 1st Round, 19th overall

Tony
SMITH
RUNNING BACK
28

College Career

With a blend of size (6-1), strength (214) and speed (4.5), Tony was one of the premier backs in America and became the second back chosen in this NFL draft (Vardell). His exploits included being a superb rusher (110 yards per game last year, 5.1 per carry), a receiver (34-253 in career), a dangerous returner (26.6 career KOR, 12.1 career PR with two touchdowns by each means), and a pure game-breaker with long runs (81 TD) and long kickoff returns (82 TD, 80 TD) and long punt returns (63 TD, 45 TD, 40 and 39). How talented was Smith? How about this stat? Tony averaged more yards per game (164.56) than Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard (159.0). It was as a result of the Falcons originally trading Tony's former teammate (Brett Favre) that the Falcons had the opportunity to take Tony. For the Golden Eagles, Tony is the lone player in their history to return two kickoffs and two punts for touchdowns. His three-year final totals accounted for 3,887 all-purpose yards and 17 TD's. With pro coaches running the show, he earned most valuable player honors at the annual Senior Bowl with 72 yards on 12 carries. He was the first player from USM (and 4th ever) to be selected in the first round since Louis Lipps went to the Steelers in 1984.

Year-By-Year

1991: Played in nine games, averaging 164.56 per game, but missed two games with a fractured left hand. Tony had five 100-plus yard rushing days as a senior with 190 (18 carries) vs. Tulane, 144 (18) vs. Colorado State, 125 (25) vs. Tulsa, 117 (28) vs. East Carolina, and 106 (24) vs. Pitt, while missing by one yard (99) against Louisville. He averaged 5.1 yards per rush as a senior and 110.89 per game and had his career long run (81) against Tulane. Tony's combined yardage total was 1,481 (164.56) per game, sixth best in the country.

1990: The junior accounted for 1,431 all-purpose yards (134.6 per game) for the All-American Bowl bound Golden Eagles. He averaged 4.2 per rush with four TD's, while electrifying the fans with 38 punt returns for 507 yards and two TD's (63 and 45). His 63-yard PR touchdown game was against Tulane and his 45 yard TD was against Louisville. His top rushing game was a 124-yard effort in a win over SW Louisiana.

1989: Led the nation in kickoff returns by averaging 32.5 yards and two touchdowns (14-455), while also averaging 10.6 on 26 punt returns for 275 yards. His 80-yard KOR TD was the first in stadium history (against Tulane) and his 82-yard KOR TD came over East Carolina. Sophomore Tony finished with 848 combined yards that also included a 40-yard punt return.

1988: Sat out freshman year under Prop 48 rule.

Personal

Tony is the son of James and Vera Patterson of Vicksburg, Mississippi, but he was born on June 29, 1970 in Chicago, Illinois. His football career gained stature as an all-state pick at Warren Central in Vicksburg where he played wide receiver and returned kicks. Tony had a 99-yard punt return as well as a 78 yarder as he displayed his open field running abilities. Tony cried tears of joy in front of 40 relatives, friends and media when he was selected by the Falcons on draft day '92. Smith, who usually keeps his emotions inside, admits to being caught up in the moment. "If I shed tears, it must be serious." Tony's personal fan club also includes brothers, J.J. Patterson, 17, and Justin Patterson, 10.

Career Statistics

	Rushing					Receiving				
Year	No.	Yds	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1989	15	48	3.2	15	0	5	70	14.0	21	0
1990	167	692	4.2	22	5	12	93	7.8	39	0
1991	194	998	5.1	81	8	18	97	5.4	16	0
Total	376	1,738	4.6	81	13	35	262	7.4	39	0

	Kickoff Returns					Punt Returns				
Year	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1989	14	455	32.5	82	2	26	275	10.6	40	0
1990	14	259	18.5	32	0	41	512	12.5	63	2
1991	11	271	24.6	45	0	10	115	11.5	39	0
Total	39	985	25.3	82	2	77	902	11.7	63	2

Combined All-Purpose Yards

Year	Rushing	Receiving	Kick Ret.	Punt Ret.	Total	TD
1989	48	70	455	275	848	2
1990	692	93	259	512	1,432	7
1991	998	97	271	115	1,481	8
Total	1,738	262	985	902	3,887	17

Tennessee
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 242
Born: 12-21-69

Acquisition: 2nd Round, 51st overall

Chuck SMITH

DEFENSIVE END

90

College Career

After two years at Northwestern Oklahoma A&M, Chuck transferred to Tennessee and worked his way up to a consensus All-SEC pick as the defensive right end. In just two years in the tough SEC, Chuck had 111 tackles, 13.5 QB sacks, 23.5 batted passes, 19 tackles for losses, one forced fumble, and two safeties. In his two years in junior college, Chuck had over 120 tackles as team's went 9-1 and 9-2, ranking in the top ten in the country both seasons. At Tennessee, his fellow DE was also drafted (Mims-1st round by Chargers) as they formed one of college football's best tandems. His 4.7 speed makes him able to get pressure on opposing quarterbacks. He put the finishing touches on an outstanding college career by collecting three QB sacks, a forced fumble and a blocked extra point at the Senior Bowl all-star game.

Year-By-Year

1991: As a senior, Chuck led the Vols with his team high nine QB sacks and 13 stops for 103 yards in losses. For the top 20 ranked Vols, Chuck had 64 tackles and came away with not one, but two, safeties on QB's Shane Matthews (Florida) and Tom Luke (Ole Miss). Chuck also had one of his sacks against Notre Dame's Rick Mirer (along with eight tackles) as the Vols rallied from a 31-7 deficit for a memorable 35-34 win.

1990: After transferring, Chuck became the starter at right end and came up with 47 tackles and 4-1/2 sacks. One of his better junior games came against Notre Dame (eight tackles, two for losses), while also having seven tackle outings against Auburn. In the Sugar Bowl, Chuck had six tackles (five solo) as the Vols came from behind to beat Virginia, 23-22.

Personal

A local product from nearby Athens, GA, Charles Henry III was born on Dec. 21, 1969. His athletic career blossomed while playing at Clarke Central High School as they went 36-5, including a state championship in 1985 on a 15-0 season. The next year, they went 14-1, losing only in the championship game. That 15-0 team was ranked #2 in the entire nation and Smith played a key role on the defense. Chuck also played catcher for two years on the baseball team at Clarke Central and credits his work with track coach Ken Chandler for improving his footwork and speed. Possessing superb quickness for a player with his size, he was a member of Clarke Central's track relay team while also competing in the 200 meters. He followed the same route to land in a major college program as teammate Scott Case as the pair attended Northeastern JC before signing on with big-time football schools. This won't be the first time that Smith will

be rooting for the Falcons because Chuck grew up cheering for the birds and he even attended two games last year at Fulton County Stadium. As a youngster, the Georgia native always admired NFL players who put pressure on the quarterback. "Ever since I was little, I've been fascinated with people who could pass rush. I remember guys like Lawrence Taylor and Wilbur Marshall, who got all those sacks. I loved that," Smith said. While other youngsters dreamed about playing the glamor position of quarterback, Chuck dreamed of sacking quarterbacks. "I love to get the glory of a sack. Everybody in the stadium is staring at you. It's exciting," Legendary Vols coach Johnny Majors called Smith and teammate Chris Mims "the two best ends he has ever coached." Tennessee defensive coordinator Larry Lacewell once said about Chuck . . . "When the passer drops back, it's like throwing red meat to a mad dog." Smith worked on his pass rushing skills through the help of one of the NFL's most feared rushers and ex-Volunteer Reggie White of the Eagles. He also enjoyed the luxury of facing some of the best competition in the country everyday in practice by lining up against future #1 draft picks offensive linemen Charles McRae and Antone Davis. By working in the Tennessee weight room, Chuck increased his bench press from 300 to 365 pounds and squat from 380 to 535.

Career Statistics

Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Losses	Sacks	PBU	BP	Saf.	FF
1990	47	29	18	6-37	4.5	3	9.5	0	1
1991	64	38	26	13-103	9.0	1	14.0	2	0
Total	111	67	44	19-140	13.5	4	23.5	2	1

Florida State
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 223
Born: 4-26-69

Acquisition: 3rd Round, 73rd overall

Howard
DINKINS
LINEBACKER
97

College Career

Howard Dinkins possesses the necessary tools of speed (4.5 in 40), agility, and athletic ability required to fulfill the role of a pass rushing linebacker in the NFL. He performed at a high level for the powerful Seminoles of Florida State for four years, totaling 221 career tackles, including a productive 149 stops as a starter over the past two seasons. He used his talents to be a nuisance in opposing backfields as he collected 14.5 QB sacks during his stay in Tallahassee and recorded a personal-best 11 tackles behind the line of scrimmage as a junior. Howard brings a winning attitude to the Falcons for he played on four Bowl winning teams (Sugar, Fiesta, Blockbuster and Cotton) that were constantly battling for a national championship.

Year-By-Year

1991: The All-American honorable mention choice was third on the team with his 75 tackles, including 4.5 sacks of the quarterback. In front of a nationally televised audience against Michigan, Dinkins was credited with a season-high 12 tackles. He posted 9 stops vs. Syracuse, 8 vs. Virginia Tech, with a sack, 7 vs. LSU, and closed the book on his college career with 8 tackles against rival Florida.

1990: A starter at weakside linebacker, he set a then personal-high with 74 tackles, with a trio of sacks, a caused and recovered fumble. His successful junior season also saw him dump 11 ball carriers for losses. His third year started out in grand fashion on the first play of the season as he pounced on an East Carolina fumble, which led to a quick FSU score, in a 45-24 victory. He tallied 7 solo tackles and 9 total in the win. In the annual showdown with the Miami Hurricanes, Howard produced with 8 tackles and a pair of stops behind the line. His other top games were against South Carolina (8 tackles), Georgia Southern (5 solo's, 8 total), and LSU and Va. Tech (7 tackles).

1989: As a sophomore, he performed in Coach Bobby Bowden's "Bandit" position behind Kevin Grant. He mainly logged time in pass rushing situations, finishing with 45 tackles (24 solo), 3 QB sacks, and 3 tackles for losses. In the season opener against Southern Mississippi, he registered 7 stops and added 7 more stops the following week vs. Syracuse. He was impressive in the Seminoles 41-17 blowout of Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl, amassing 5 individual tackles, one for a loss.

1988: In his first season in a Seminole uniform after being reshirted as a freshman, he recorded 27 tackles, four sacks, and six passes defensed. He busted through the line to block a punt for a safety against Louisiana Tech and collared two sacks in a win over Michigan State and two more in a 48-28 defeat of Tulane. He is best remembered for dropping Auburn QB Reggie Slack for an 11-yard loss to kill a last-minute drive, preserving a 13-7 victory in the Sugar Bowl.

Personal

Dinkins celebrated his 23rd birthday in style by being drafted by the Falcons (April 26, 1992). A native of Jacksonville, FLA, Howard stayed in the sunshine state to attend FSU after a stellar career at Ribault High School (65 tackles as a senior). He receives his inspiration from his mother, Evelyn Dinkins, who is striken with sickle-cell anemia. She raised Howard and other son, Darryl Greene, by herself following the accidental death of their Army sergeant father, Howard, Sr., when baby Howard was a year old. "We all know his mother is a fighter and you see a lot of those family traits in Howard," commented FSU Head Coach Bobby Bowden. Because he played in the shadows of much more publicized Seminoles like #1 pick Terrell Buckley, Howard referred to himself as the "Silent Stalker." The economics major (with a minor in criminology) boasts a 405-pound bench press and has added 25 pounds to his frame through weights since his freshman season. But despite the added bulk, he never lost a step, as he was one of the fastest players on the entire Seminole squad last season (running a 4.48 40 last spring for FSU coaches). Howard didn't have a hard time finding a familiar face in the Falcons locker room when he arrived in Suwanee. He played alongside Deion Sanders in Tallahassee and is acquaintances of two other FSU grads, Jamie Dukes and Bobby Butler. Dinkins also had the task of trying to stop Andre Rison of Michigan State and Tony Smith of Southern Miss during their careers. He lined up against fellow draft pick Tim Paulk of Florida and Bruce Pickens and Joe Sims of Nebraska (in the '90 Fiesta Bowl). Among his career highlights were 11 tackles for losses in 1990, which was the third-most ever by an FSU player in a season, and he collected an interception in the Blockbuster Bowl against Penn State. He and fellow draft pick Chuck Smith became friends at

last year's Senior Bowl and look forward to playing together in the pro's. His idol growing up was Redskins linebacker Wilbur Marshall. Because of his athletic ability the Falcons are anxious to take a look at Dinkins on special teams.

Career Statistics

Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	PBU	FR	FC	Int.	BK	Saf.
1987	Redshirted									
1988	27	18	9	4	6	0	0	0	1	1
1989	45	24	21	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
1990	74	44	30	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
1991	75	34	41	4.5	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	221	120	101	14.5	8	2	1	1	1	1

Baylor
Ht.: 5'9"
Wt.: 177
Born: 10-8-68

Acquisition: 4th Round, 104th overall

Frankie
SMITH
CORNERBACK
29

College Career

Frankie Smith used his blazing 4.4 speed to lead the Baylor secondary, stealing four passes (for 71 return yards) and breaking up nine pass attempts, while totaling 61 tackles, in his senior campaign. The busy Smith also recovered two fumbles from his left cornerback position and averaged 10.5 yards per punt return with a 41-yard long. Frankie's athletic ability enabled him to make the switch to defensive back last year after starting out 1990 as a fullback for the Bears. He moved over to offense to fill a void but injured his ankle early in the year and returned to the defensive side of the ball for his last season. In 1989, the active Smith contributed in the secondary with 42 total tackles, 33 solo, in logging time in 532 plays at the corner. His top efforts were a nine tackle game against Houston and an eight tackle affair versus Rice. He also added six stops against SMU and five versus TCU. The 5-9, 177 pounder played as a nickel back as a sophomore and freshman.

Personal

The Waco, Texas product was an All-State running back at Groesbeck High School, where he gained 1,246 yards, with 14 TD's as a senior. The Waco Tribune Herald's Player of the Year led his team to a 17-5 record in his last two campaigns and averaged 39.2 yards on kickoff returns. Besides lettering three times on the gridiron, the athletic Smith also earned four letters apiece in track and basketball. He was born on October 8, 1968 to Frank and Beverly Smith and majored in business at Baylor.

Career Statistics

Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	PD	FR
1989	61	43	18	4	71	17.7	9	2
1990	(Offense - Injured Red Shirted)							
1991	42	33	9	1	0	0	1	0
Total	103	76	27	5	71	14.2	10	2

Oklahoma
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 187
Born: 10-12-69

Acquisition: 6th Round, 158th overall

Terry
RAY
SAFETY
30

College Career

A physical, aggressive hitter, Terry Ray honed his skills playing against top notch competition in the always-tough Big Eight Conference for Oklahoma. He collared 174 tackles in his three years as a starter and 188 total to finish third all-time on the Sooners tackle list among defensive backs. Terry also picked off 7 passes and registered 23 passes defensed in his career. Terry's 70 tackles in 1989 were the seventh highest output ever by a Sooner in a season and the most since Scott Case amassed 81 in 1983. He became one of only four 'true' freshmen to earn an Oklahoma letter, playing a reserve role in his first Sooner season in 1988.

Year-By-Year

1991: A starter in every game at free safety, Terry zeroed in to record 54 tackles, 35 solo stops, with three thefts, and 7 passes defensed. In a 29-8 triumph over Iowa State, he posted seven stops, with a pair of interceptions. Ray also recorded seven tackles against rival Texas and 6 each over conference foe Colorado, Kansas State and Va. Tech.

1990: The All-Big Eight Conference pick and honorable mention All-America had 50 tackles, three pickoffs, and six deflections while starting every contest. He corraled a career-high 13 tackles (9 solos) and batted away a pass versus Colorado. Ray returned an interception 21 yards and had 7 stops in a 31-17 decision over Kansas. He followed that effort up with 6 hits and a pass defensed vs. Oklahoma State and 5 stops vs. Texas.

1989: A secondary-leading 70 tackles also included a team-high 10 passes defensed, a forced fumble and one interception. He picked off his first collegiate pass against Kansas and totaled a then personal-best of 12 stops vs. Colorado. His other double-digit tackle games came against Iowa State (10), where he added 3 passes defensed, and in the season finale vs. Nebraska (11).

1988: Earning a varsity letter as a freshman, Terry had a season-best 5 tackles against Texas on the way to finishing with 14 overall stops as a reserve.

Personal

Terry took the big step and accepted a scholarship to Oklahoma after bringing some heavy credentials with him to the Norman campus. He was called the third best defensive back in the entire football-crazed state of Texas as a prepster (and "perhaps the best one-on-one defender in the state"). Ray's busy senior season at Ellison High in Killeen, Texas included: six blocked kicks, eight punt returns for 138 yards, 114 rushing yards and four TD's, and four interceptions from his starting safety spot. Through his efforts his team posted an 8-3 record and an appearance in the Class 5A Playoffs. Football runs deep in the Ray family as his brother, Darrol, was a two-time All-Big Eight selection at Oklahoma and member of the N.Y. Jets (1980-84). "I kind of learned (football) on my own, from watching TV and from my brother and just natural ability through high school," Ray said. The communications major can motor for a player at position as evidenced by his 4.49 clocking in the 40. He may be utilized at the strong safety slot in the pro's. Terry was born overseas in Belguim, and his father was one of the survivors of the Killeen shooting massacre in Nov. of 1991.

Career Statistics

Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Int.	Yds.	PBU	FR	FC
1988	14	10	4	0	0	0	0	0
1989	70	40	30	1	0	10	1	1
1990	50	36	14	3	51	6	0	0
1991	54	35	19	3	1	7	0	0
Total	134	86	48	7	52	23	1	1

Florida
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 229
Born: 4-3-68

Acquisition: 7th Round, 182nd overall

Jim
PAULK
LINEBACKER
91

College Career

The All-SEC first team selection closed out his career by leading a Gators defense to the '92 Sugar Bowl from his inside linebacking position. During his last campaign in Tallahassee, he was the dominating leader of a defense that allowed only seven rushing TD's all year, third lowest in Florida history. He helped the Gators through a stretch of six games where they did not allow a touchdown on the ground for a unit that was ranked third overall in defense in the tough SEC. Paulk totaled 257 career tackles, including 25 stops for losses, 4.5 QB sacks, 7 forced fumbles,

4 recovered fumbles, 6 interceptions (for minus 152 yards) and four blocked kicks on special teams. A finalist for the Butkus Award (for the best linebacker in the country), he is remembered by local Georgia Bulldog fans for a 36-yard interception touchdown, a forced fumble that led to a touchdown, a six-yard sack, and five tackles to earn SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors in a 38-7 victory in his junior season.

Year-By-Year

1991: An All-American honorable mention choice by Football News, he was all over the field to record 98 tackles (44 solos), 3 fumble recoveries, 1 fumble caused, and a sack. On the Gators ledger, he was credited with 18.5 'big plays,' including seven stops for a minus 22-yards in losses and seven QB pressures. The team captain's best senior outing was a 12 tackle effort (8 solos) against Syracuse. He also added 11 stops vs. Alabama, Mississippi State, Auburn (plus a sack) and Northern Illinois and collected 10 tackles vs. Tennessee.

1990: Starting 10 games at inside backer, he was second on the club with 77 tackles, totaling a pair of sacks, and seven stops for a minus 24 yards. He finished second on the squad with his four interceptions, while jarring the ball loose from opposing ball carriers on three different occasions. His biggest game came against SEC rival Alabama as he registered 9 solos and 13 total tackles, 3 stops for a minus 7 yards, a forced fumble and 2 pass break-ups in a 17-13 win. His theft of two Akron passes was a career-high and it came the week before garnering the conferences' top defensive honors vs. Georgia.

1989: As a reserve, the sophomore played in nine games, ending up with 32 tackles, a caused fumble, an interception TD, and five tackles for losses. Against Memphis State, he posted five stops, with a five-yard tackle for a loss, and picked off a pass and went 50-yards for a score in a 38-13 triumph. He displayed his talents on special teams by blocking a punt to set-up a Florida score in an eventual 16-13 decision over LSU.

1988: The freshman made a name for himself by blocking a punt that led to a Gator touchdown in his first collegiate game versus Montana State. As he learned the defense, he continued to earn his letter on the special units by blocking punts against Mississippi and Mississippi State. He also returned his first career theft 13 yards vs. Vandy and captured a spot on the All-Freshman SEC team by playing in every game and totaling 50 tackles.

1987: He performed on the scout team as a red-shirt freshman.

Personal

A Miami product, he was a first-team Class 5A All-State and All-Dade County choice at Carol City High, compiling 110 tackles as a senior. He and former Florida standout and boyhood friend, Godfrey Miles (Cowboys), were considered the best linebacking pair of prospects in the sunshine state during their last prep season. The two were billed "The Doublemint Twins" because they both looked and played with similar styles and were inseparable off the field. At Florida, Paulk gained a hard-hitting reputation, not only with the opposition, but also with his own teammates. He loves putting on the hits. "If I'm all bruised after the game and I feel sore, I know those guys I hit feel just as bad. And I know they're thinking about me. I want them to know I came to play football today and I played it hard." Gator linebackers coach Tim Marcum summed up Paulk's play by saying . . . "He's a very aggressive, full-speed player who makes a heck of a lot of plays with his speed and quickness." Proving to be a fast learner, Tim blocked two punts in his first two collegiate games after only being added to the special teams units three days before the start of the '88 season. The anthropology major was born on April 3, 1968 in Miami.

Career Statistics

Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Losses	Sacks	Int.	Yds.	FR	FC	BK
1987	Redshirted									
1988	50	30	20	5 -21	1.0	1	13	1	2	3
1989	32	19	13	6 -22	.5	1	50	0	1	1
1990	77	45	32	7 -24	2.0	4	89	0	3	0
1991	98	44	54	7 -22	1.0	0	0	3	1	0
Total	257	138	119	25 -89	4.5	6	152	4	7	4

N.E. St. Oklahoma
Ht.: 6'1"
Wt.: 227
Born: 10-13-67

Acquisition: 8a Round, 216th overall

Derrick
MOORE
RUNNING BACK
36

College Career

The big, muscular fullback was an All-Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference choice and NAIA All-America selection during a senior campaign that included a single season school record of 1,502 rushing yards. His eye-poping 6.7 per rush average (on 226 carries) and 16 touchdowns were second-best among all runners in NAIA Division I ranks as he led the Redmen of Tahlequah, Oklahoma to a perfect 10-0 record. Derrick rambled for 258 impressive yards against Southern Arkansas to win National Offensive Player of the Week honors and break Sam Cunningham's mark of 254 yards with Northeastern State. The peach state native has been productive at every place he's been as he averaged over 5 yards per carry in his three seasons at Troy State and N.E. State, amassing a total 2,607 yards on the college scene on 439 carries, a 5.9 average, with 26 TD's. Moore was tabbed the MVP of both the Hula Bowl and for the Blue squad at the Blue/Gray college all-star game.

Year-By-Year

1991: Derrick's record breaking senior season included rushing games of 183, 180, 163, 135 (twice), 122 and 120 yards, to go along with his 258 yard outing. The bruising runner also collected long gains of 74t, 70t, 53, 52t, 52, and 49 yards. His best touchdown producing effort was three scores vs. East Central Oklahoma and he tallied two TD's in five other contests. His 258 yard outburst versus Southern Arkansas, included 155 yards in the first half on 25 carries and touchdown runs of 74 and 70 yards. In the Playoffs against Central Arkansas, he registered 120 yards on only 13 carries for a 9.2 average and scored on a 49-yard jaunt to finish the season with 1,502 yards. He was named OIC offensive player of the week three times.

MOORE

1990: He tallied a team-leading 748 yards for the Trojans of Troy State to garner a berth on the All-Gulf South team. He ran for 122 yards on 20 totes, with scoring runs of 49 and 7 yards, in a 41-33 victory over Tennessee-Martin. His 78-yard TD scamper capped a 119 yard rushing effort against McNeese State and he also added a 93 yard game on 11 carries vs. Mississippi College.

1989: An achilles tendon injury hampered him during his first year in a Troy State uniform but he performed in every game and finished second on the team with 357 yards and six TD's. He also returned 19 kickoffs for 361 yards and a 19.0 average. His best outing was a 106 yard day on only 7 carries, with scoring runs of 66 and 9 yards, vs. Livingston.

1988: Moore attended Albany (Ga.) Junior College but did not play football.

Personal

One of the three Falcons draft picks to hail from Georgia, Derrick was a two-time letterwinner as a tailback and linebacker at Monroe High in Albany. Moore's influence on the tiny campus of Northeastern State was very evident when he held a draft day party at the school's University Center and among the 200 well-wishers were school president Dr. W. Roger Webb and head coach Tom Eckert. His route to the NFL could someday make a Hollywood script. His college career began at Albany JC, where he didn't even play football for two years because he decided instead to concentrate on his academics. After transferring to Troy State in Alabama for two successful seasons, he was ruled ineligible when the school decided to move up to Division I-AA because of the NCAA's time-clock rule, which allows a student-athlete five years to play four. So he applied at NAIA Central Arkansas, but another snag developed. He was required to establish residency in Arkansas, which he decided would take too much time. Henceforth, the final move to Northeastern State. "It's an unbelievable story," he said. "I wouldn't have believed it unless I was standing in my own shoes." Despite the frequent moves, education has always played a part in his life as the studious Moore is only four hours shy of receiving his college degree in physical education. "I've always recognized the importance of my education." A religious person, he was the organizer of Bible studies at both Troy State and Northeastern State. One of the oldest rookies in the NFL this year at age 24, Derrick feels his age is actually an advantage. "I think my age has helped me more than anything," he stated. "I've matured because of the delays I've had in transferring."

Career Statistics

	Rushing					Receiving					Kickoff Returns				
Year	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1989	65	357	5.5	6	66	3	17	5.7	0	10	19	361	19.0	0	41
1990	148	748	5.1	4	78	7	35	5.0	0	15	3	38	12.7	0	19
1991	226	1,502	6.6	16	74	5	10	2.0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Total	439	2,607	5.9	26	78	15	62	4.1	0	15	22	399	18.1	0	41

Troy State
Ht.: 6'4"
Wt.: 266
Born: 4-4-70

Acquisition: 8b Round, 217th overall

Reggie DWIGHT

TIGHT END

49

College Career

A physical blocker, Reggie's worth in the Troy State offense was recognized by The Poor Man's Guide to the NFL Draft, who named him to their All-America second team as a senior. He started every game for the Trojans in '91 after transferring from Itawamba Junior College in Fulton, Mississippi. Dwight was second on the team with 22 receptions for 447 yards, a 20.3 average, with a touchdown, last year. He paved the way for a Trojan running game that racked up 2,362 yards, while posting a 4.6 per rush average. He also helped his team to 184 first downs (17 a game) and proved to be a capable runner as he finished with 6 touchdowns on the ground and 59 total yards. He scored three of his touchdowns in a game against Southern Illinois (1,1 and 2 yard rushes) and finished his college career with 4 catches for 63 yards and a rushing TD vs. rival Georgia Southern. With Itawamba JC, he earned All-America, All-Region and All-State honors at the Mississippi school in '90 with 46 catches for 652 yards and six TD's in an 8-3-1 season.

Personal

Reggie was born in Cordele, Georgia but became an All-State, All-District and All-Area choice at Bartow (FLA) High School.

Career Statistics

	Receiving					Rushing				
Year	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1990	46	652	14.2	6	51	0	0	0	0	0
1991	22	447	20.3	1	34	20	59	3.0	6	22
Total	68	1,099	16.2	7	51	20	59	3.0	6	22

Texas A&M
Ht.: 6'4"
Wt.: 312
Born: 6-9-69

Acquisition: 9th Round, 243rd overall

Keith
ALEX
TACKLE/GUARD
68

College Career

The versatile performer played both guard and tackle for the nationally ranked Aggies. The thick-legged Alex used his strength to open up holes in a Texas A&M offense in '91 that posted a total of 4,804 yards in a 10-1 season. With Keith in the lineup, the Aggies averaged 259.1 yards per contest on the ground. Against LSU, his explosive blocks helped his team account for 409 rushing yards out of the 524 total in a 45-7 win. Alex also forced Texas Tech LB Matt Wingo from the game with a roll block as RB Greg Hill turned the corner on a 43-yard TD jaunt and added a timely hit on a 1-yard plunge by QB Bobby Richardson as the Aggies ran for 322 yards in the 37-14 victory. In 1990, he started the first seven games at right guard and was involved in school single game record of 774 yards, with 33 first downs, in a 63-14 drubbing of Southwestern Louisiana. He graded out 88% efficiency for the game as the team gained 526 rushing yards. His sophomore season began as a back-up to former #1 pick and current Miami Dolphin Richmond Webb. But he moved into the starting left guard spot in the sixth game of the year against Houston and the results were impressive. With his presence in the lineup, the Aggies amassed 1,325 of their 2,199 rushing yards. His best outing came versus Rice as he registered five knockdown blocks as Texas A&M piled up 352 of its 525 yards via the ground attack. He saw action in every contest as a freshman in 1988 as a reserve tackle, despite playing the year with a broken hand. As a redshirt freshman in '87, he was moved to offense after beginning the season as a defensive tackle.

Personal

A Beaumont, Texas native, he garnered All-State 5A status at Central High School and was named a Top 50 recruit in the state by the Houston Chronicle, lettering three times in football and track. Before picking up football as a sophomore, Keith used to spend his spare time on the basketball court. He also found his way to the weight room during his second year in high school and it became habit forming. His cousin, William Graham, played defensive back for the Detroit Lions and was a motivating influence. The other big influence in Alex's career on the gridiron was ex-Aggie Richmond Webb (Dolphins). Hiram Keith Alex was born on June 9, 1969 in Kountze, Texas and was a recreation and parks major at Texas A&M. At 312 pounds, Keith is the heaviest Falcon player on the roster. A private person, Keith decided to attend Texas A&M because he liked the quiet surroundings of College Station. The intense performer is all business when he hits the field. "When I get on the field, I try to take a business-like approach," Alex explained. "It's fun, don't get me wrong, but I also consider it a business because it's a job."

Tennessee
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 220
Born: 11-22-68

Acquisition: 10th Round, 270th overall

Darryl
HARDY
LINEBACKER
50

College Career

Darryl finished his career in Knoxville 9th on the Volunteers all-time list with 227 solo tackles. The All-America honorable mention by Football News and All-SEC selection by coaches in '91 totaled 318 tackles for Tennessee in four years, including 20 stops for losses, and blocked five career kicks. He also added 5 fumbles caused, 5 fumbles recovered, four pickoffs and 5.5 QB sacks to his ledger.

Year-By-Year

1991: The All-SEC choice ended up third in tackles with 89 on a talented defense that included the likes of Chris Mimms (#1 pick) and Chuck Smith (#2 choice). His active senior season also entailed blocking three kicks, recovering three fumbles, causing another, intercepting a pair of passes, and breaking up 22.5 passes in coverage. His best game as a collegian came in the come-from-behind win over Notre Dame on national TV. He sparked the Vols by blocking an Irish field goal in the closing minutes of the first half that Floyd Miley scooped up and ran back 85 yards for a score to close the gap to 31-14 at halftime. Hardy amassed 17 tackles on the day (10 solos) in the 35-34 triumph to earn SEC Defensive Player of the Week accolades. He had 10 tackles against Mississippi State, including one that forced a fumble on a last ditch scoring drive to preserve a 26-24 victory. He blocked a punt to set-up a Tennessee score in a 30-16 win over UCLA and blocked a field goal and had a pass theft in a 30-21 defeat of Auburn. His last block came off the foot of an Ole Miss punter that was recovered for a TD in a 36-25 win.

1990: A starter at ROLB, Darryl was second on the team with his 95 tackles (70 solos) and led the Vols with 17 big plays. In the Disneyland Pigskin Classic, he collected 14 tackles and a blocked FG in a 31-31 tie with Colorado. Against Auburn, he also totaled 14 stops, but also added a 10-yard sack, and three pass deflections. He posted 12 tackles (9 solos) and a forced and recovered fumble vs. Alabama. In the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, he had 8 solo stops, with 4 pass deflections as the Volunteers rallied for a 23-22 decision over Virginia.

1989: The super sophomore paced the team with 110 tackles in his first year as a starter. He collected a personal-best 20 tackles, including 18 solos, against Alabama, to record the 4th highest single game total in team history. His other top outings were a 15 tackle day vs. Georgia, 11 tackles vs. UCLA, and 11 more stops, with a recovered and forced fumble vs. Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.

1988: He registered 24 tackles as a reserve, including coming up with four tackles, a caused fumble, and deflected pass, against Mississippi.

Personal

A multi-dimensional athlete at the prep level, Darryl Gerrod Hardy played offensive tackle, center, tight end and linebacker for Princeton High in Cincinnati, Ohio. Ironically, in his last prep game and the only game he ever played on the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 15 tackles and 4.5 QB sacks, to lay the foundation for his future destiny at linebacker. His team went 18-4 over the final two seasons with him in the lineup as he picked up All-City and All-League honors along the way. He filled the shoes of the 'checker' or play caller in the Volunteer defense and was labeled "week after week the best player since I've been here" by defensive coordinator Larry Lacewell (who arrived in 1990). People in Knoxville still talk about Darryl's 'kill shot' on Alabama RB Murry Hill in 1989 that knocked Hill out of the game and for the season, with five fractured ribs and a bruised lung. Hardy was moved from the weakside to the strong or 'Sam' position in '90 and became the workhorse of the unit. Hardy also has displayed a knack for blocking kicks, which is considered an invaluable asset on the Falcons special teams. "It's the determination and desire to want to do it," said Darryl. One of Hardy's best attributes is his speed. He says he developed his speed in an unusual way as a youngster by riding his bike all the time doing daredevil stunts. He and Chuck Smith made up one of the winningest classes in Tennessee history as the school experienced two league titles, over 30 victories, and captured two New Year's Day Bowl games. Long time coach Johnny Majors always appreciated the many talents of Hardy. "He's a good leader, a good youngster, and he knows how to handle responsibilities on and off the field." Hardy was a sociology major at Tennessee and joined former teammate Smith as one of two pairs of Falcons draft picks from the same school.

Career Statistics

Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Losses	Sacks	Int.	PBU	BP	FR	FC	BK
1987	Redshirted										
1988	24	19	5	0-0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
1989	110	85	25	7-33	3	1-2	1	10	0	1	0
1990	95	70	25	5-15	1	1-5	6	17	2	2	1
1991	89	53	36	8-24	1.5	2-0	3	22.5	3	1	4
Total	318	227	91	20-72	5.5	4-7	11	41.5	5	5	5

SPEAKING OF FIRSTS

A total of 15 current Falcons came into the NFL as a first round draft choice (13 by the Falcons themselves). That list includes a pair of first rounders this year (Bob Whitfield, Tony Smith) and last year (Bruce Pickens, Mike Pritchard), a '90 class that featured WR Andre Rison (Colts '89), T Chris Hinton (Denver, '83), and RB Steve Broussard, a pair of all-Rookies from '89 in CB Deion Sanders and WR Shawn Collins, Pro Bowl QB Chris Miller from '87, DE Tim Green in '86, four-time Pro Bowl G Bill Fralic in '85, DE Rick Bryan in '84, CB Bobby Butler in '81, and five-time Pro Bowl T Mike Kenn from 1978. Of course, the other side of the coin features undrafted free agents like LB Jessie Tuggle, C Jamie Dukes, special teams leader Ken Tippins.

Robin
JONES
DEFENSIVE END
73

Baylor
Ht.: 6'2"
Wt.: 266
Born: 6-19-69

Acquisition: 11th Round, 297th overall

College Career

Jones was a key contributor for the Baylor Bears defense for four seasons. He was a two-time All-SWC first team defensive end, finishing with 161 tackles, 107 solos and 54 assists, with four fumbles recovered and fumbles caused. The intense performer also totaled 38 tackles for losses in his career, including 22 over the past two campaigns.

Year-By-Year

1991: A unanimous All-SWC first team pick, he started every game at left defensive end, registering 40 tackles, seven QB sacks, and 11 stops for a minus 50 yards in losses. Always around the ball, he was credited with three fumble recoveries. In the big victory over Colorado, he posted 6 tackles (two stops for losses), an important sack to negate a third quarter drive, and opened up a huge hole that allowed Santana Dotson to block a last second field goal, preserving a 16-14 decision, as the Bears limited the Buffaloes to only 191 yards. He was named SWC Defensive Player of the Week for posting 6 tackles, 2 sacks, a fumble recovery, and a forced fumble in a 47-21 defeat of Missouri. He followed that effort with 5 stops and two recovered fumbles in a 38-21 drubbing of Houston. In a 26-9 beating of TCU, Robin recorded a pair of sacks and a forced and recovered fumble, as the front line allowed only 35 yards on the ground.

1990: He led the team with 11 tackles for losses in recording 43 total stops to earn a place on the All-SWC first team. He also added five QB sacks to his totals. His top outing came versus Sam Houston State when he was credited with a pair of sacks and 6 tackles.

1989: Jones participated in 552 defensive plays at the end position and amassed 42 tackles and was third on the unit with 9 tackles for a minus 51 yards. He made 7 tackles, with 2 sacks, against Kansas, and added 7 more stops, with a sack, and three tackles for losses, against Rice.

1988: Robin saw action in 280 snaps at linebacker and recorded 36 tackles, with 7 stops for a minus 36 yards.

1987: He performed as a scout team middle linebacker during his redshirt freshman season.

Personal

A product of Dallas, Texas, he was rated as the 13th best prospect in the big 'D' by the Dallas Morning News during his final prep season. He was an All-District 6-4A choice for two years at Hillcrest High and even doubled as a member of school's track team. The business major at Baylor played on the same high school team as Falcon teammate Erric Pegram.

Career Statistics

Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Losses	Sacks	PBU	FR	FC
1987	Redshirted							
1988	36	22	14	7 -36	2	0	0	0
1989	42	26	16	9 -51	4	0	1	1
1990	43	31	12	11 -43	5	2	0	0
1991	40	28	12	11 -50	7	1	3	1
Total	161	107	54	38 -180	18	3	4	2

FALCON/NFL CALENDAR

July 12-18 ..... Concentration Week

July 18 ..... Annual Falcon Family Breakfast (Concentration Week Ends)

July 25 ..... Training Camp practices in Suwanee. Open to the public, 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. practices, Exit 44 on I-85 North.

August 1, 15-16 ..... American Bowl '92 Series Tokyo, London, Berlin

August 1 ..... Hall of Fame Game, Jets vs. Eagles, 3 PM, ABC-TV

August 8 ..... 1st Pre-Season Game, Falcons vs. Browns at Cleveland, 7:00 P.M., WSB-TV Channel 2

August 15 ..... 2nd Pre-Season Game, Falcons vs. Buccaneers at Tampa Bay, 7:00 P.M., WSB-TV Channel 2

August 23 ..... 1st Game in Georgia Dome, Home Pre-Season Opener Falcons vs. Eagles, 1:30 P.M., ABC National TV Call 249-6400 (Ticketmaster)

August 27 ..... Falcons Charity Kickoff Luncheon, Georgia Dome

August 28 ..... Final Pre-Season Game, Falcons vs. Bills Georgia Dome, 8:00 P.M., NBC National TV Call 249-6400 (Ticketmaster)

September 6 ..... 1992 Regular Season Opens

December 26-28 ..... Regular Season Ends

January 2-3 ..... Wild Card Playoff Games

January 31, 1993 ..... Super Bowl XXVII, Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA.

February 7, 1993 ..... AFC-NFC Pro Bowl Honolulu, Hawaii

1992 FREE AGENTS

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Richard Ashe	TE	Humbolt State	6-4	260	1
John Buddenberg	G	Akron	6-6	270	2
Darrell Hamilton	T	North Carolina	6-5	298	4
Hosie Smith	G	Central St.(OH)	6-2	317	R
Leroy Truitt	T	Houston	6-3	308	1
Dave Zawatson	G/T	California	6-5	288	4

Ashe, a 6-4, 260 pounder from Humboldt State, spent his 1989 rookie season on the LA Rams Practice Squad. He made the Rams Final cut in 1990 and played in the season opener against the Packers before injuring his foot and going on Injured Reserve. He returned to the Practice Squad for the rest of the '90 campaign. He was signed as a free agent by the Giants in '91 before being released.

Buddenberg was a 10th round selection of the Browns in 1989. He spent time on Cleveland's practice roster before being released and signing with the Vikings' practice team. John was a free agent signee of the Steelers in 1990, but was waived on the final cut. He has been the starting left guard for the Sacramento Surge of the World League the last two seasons.

Hamilton, a 6-5, 298 pounder from North Carolina, played the last three seasons in Denver after being the Broncos 3rd round draft choice in 1989. He was released by Denver in Week 12 and had tryouts with three other NFL teams.

Smith, a strong 6-2, 315 pound guard, has seen action on both sides of the ball at defensive tackle and offensive guard. He impressed scouts with the standard bench press reps of 225 pounds as the Falcons asked him to stop after 40, ("The most I'd ever seen in my 22 years of scouting", Elbert Dubenion). Was born in Pahokee, Fla. on July 5, 1968; hails from Fanklin, La. Originally enrolled at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, but transferred to Central State in Ohio where the Marauders made it to the National Championship game his senior season losing only by a field goal.

Truitt, a practice squad employee at the end of the season, started every game for the Sacramento Surge in the World League this spring. His 300-plus pound frame has allowed him to play both right and left tackle during his four year career for the Houston Cougars. The LaMarque, Texas, product also is a power lifter and karate student.

Zawatson, a 6-5, 288 pound guard/tackle, was a second round selection of the Bears in 1989, playing in four games as a rookie. He spent the 1990 season in New York after being signed by the Jets as a Plan B free agent and saw action in all 16 games. He was released by the Jets in training camp last year but was picked up by the Dolpins. Dave was a second team All-America choice by AP and UPI and an All-PAC 10 selection as a junior and senior at California.

QUARTERBACKS

Blair Kiel	QB	Notre Dame	6-0	209	8

Kiel has played in 25 NFL games over his six year career, with four starts. He completed 29 passes on 50 attempts for 361 yards and three touchdowns last season with the Packers. He was originally drafted by Tampa Bay in the 11th round in 1984, but spent the entire year on Injured Reserve. He was released by the Buccaneers during the '85 season and signed as a free agent by the Colts in 1986. Over two seasons with Indy, he completed 28 of 58 passes for 431 yards and three touchdowns. In 1988, he was signed by the Packers and played a back-up role for the last four seasons. His NFL totals are 108-193 (56%) for 1,296 yards, eight touchdowns and seven interceptions. The native of Carmel, Indiana threw for 3,650 yards (297-609), with 39 TD's, for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. He was also the first freshman to start his first game for Notre Dame since Ralph Guglielmi in 1951.

WIDE RECEIVERS/BACKS

Melvin Bratton	RB	Miami	6-1	225	3
Horace Hamm	WR	Lehigh	5-11	170	R
Michael Johnson	WR	Cal-St. Sacram	6-0	190	1
Karl Miller	WR	Georgia Southern	5-10	183	1
Troy Mills	RB	Sacramento State	6-0	210	R
Bobby Olive	WR	Ohio State	5-11	160	1

Bratton, a 6-1, 225 pound running back from Miami, was orginally drafted by the Dolphins on the sixth round in 1988, but went unsigned and was picked up by the Broncos on the sixth round of the 1989 draft. In two years in Denver, he played in 32 games, with six starts, rushing 57 times for 190 yards, with four TD's, while catching 39 passes for 345 yards, and four scores. He was released by the Broncos last August.

Hamm recorded 75 receptions for 1,044 yards and 13 touchdowns last fall. He also returned 15 kickoffs for 371 yards including a 90 yard touchdown, as well as rushing four times for 87 yards and two more touchdowns. That gave him 1,502 total yards, 16 TD's last year in being named Patriot Conference Player of the Year. Horace had been named to ECAC First team and Patriot League Second Team his Junior year. He graduated from Boyd Anderson High School where he was a member of the second best 4x400 relay in the state of Florida. Speedy Horace was timed at 4.4 in the 40 by the scouts.

Johnson, a 6-0, 190 pound wide receiver from Cal-State Sacramento, competed with his 4.3 speed in the Chicago Bears training camp last year. He averaged 18.3 yards per catch in college and he had a top game of seven receptions for 156 yards and three TD's.

Miller ended the 1991 season on the Falcons practice squad. He hails from North Clayton High School in Georgia. He paced Georgia Southern in both receptions, with 37 for 396 yards and three touchdowns, and kickoff returns, with 25 for 570 yards and a 22.8 average. For his career at the Statesboro, Ga. school, he amassed 54 catches for 697 yards and six touchdown, 76 kickoffs for 1,592 yards and even rushed 144 times for 1,093 yards, with six scores.

Mills, a 5-10, 212 pound running back/returner, was called the "Bounty Hunter" for his running exploits. He was ranked in the top five nationally in three categories. He was second in rushing (171.8 per game) and scoring (12.0 per game) and had 14 consecutive 100-yard games along with 2,198 all purpose yards in 1991. He averaged 7.8 yards rushing per carry on 197 carries.

Olive, a 5-11, 160 pounder from Ohio State, was the Kansas City Chiefs 11th round draft pick last year. He made it to the final cutdown before being let go. He returned to club's Practice Squad for the rest of the year for the Playoff-bound Chiefs. Bobby was an all-state selection out of Frederick Douglass High School in Atlanta.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Scott Evans	DE	Oklahoma	6-4	260	1
Don Reynolds	DT	Virginia	6-3	274	R
Rod Saddler	DE	Texas A&M	6-5	280	6
Sean Smith	DE	Georgia Tech	6-7	280	3

Evans, a 6-3, 255 pound defensive tackle was an eighth round draft pick of the Phoenix Cardinals in 1991, but ended the season on the Packers practice squad. He recorded 129 total tackles and 24 sacks in his college career as a Sooner. Scott led the team in tackles his senior season with 57 along with nine sacks. He earned All-Big Eight Conference honors as well as academic honors while at Oklahoma.

Reynolds missed three games this past season with a knee injury, but recorded 37 total tackles and four more for losses. He opened up 1991 with eight tackles and one tackle for a loss vs. Maryland before being injured. Reynolds finished third on the team with 69 tackles and 3.5 sacks in 1990 and ended his college career with 176 total tackles, 10 tackles for losses, and four QB sacks. He was a two-time All-District selection at TE and DE at Laurel Park High School in Axton, Va. Don received his degree in Rhetoric and Communication Studies and is presently working on post-graduate studies.

Saddler, a 6-5, 280 pounder from Texas A&M, is a veteran of over 60 NFL games, and 48 starts, after breaking in with the Cardinals in 1987. He had back-to-back career best years in 1989, with 15 starts, 50 tackles and 3.5 QB sacks, and in 1990, with 15 starts, 51 tackles and 4 QB sacks. Last season, Saddler was released by the Cardinals but picked up by the Bengals. Rod is a native of Columbia (GA.) High School and resides in Duluth, GA. in the offseason.

Smith, a 6-7, 280 pound defensive end from nearby Georgia Tech, was a 1990 11th round draft selection of the New England Patriots. He performed in 15 games as a rookie, finishing with 15 tackles and 1.5 QB sacks. He was released after three games with the Patriots last year.

LINEBACKERS

Kevin Brown	LB	Youngstown State	6-2	248	R
Randy Bullock	LB	N.W. Louisiana	6-1	234	R
Oscar Giles	LB	Texas	6-2	246	R
Mick Thomas	LB	Arkansas	6-2	233	R

Brown started 13 games at outside linebacker, recording 75 total tackles with 6 QB sacks and 10 stops for 77-yards in losses. He was named player and lineman of the game twice this past season (Delaware State and James Madison). He finished third in tackles in 1990 with 78, six sacks and nine stops for losses. Brown closed out his college stats with 259 total tackles, 12 QB sacks, 6 forced and recovered fumbles and 24 tackles for losses.

Bullock rang up 177 total tackles, intercepted four passes, and recovered three fumbles for the Demons of Northwestern Louisiana. His 4.6 speed gives him big-play capabilities like the one game he had three tackles for losses, plus a fumble recovery, or the one in which he intercepted two passes. The 22-year old "Bull" had a sterling high school career at Jonesboro, Ga. picking off nine passes as a senior with his 61 tackles.

Giles was signed as a free agent with the Falcons last season and ended 1991 on the practice squad. He played in 44 games and the last 33 at right end over three years for the University of Texas. He totaled 174 tackles, 22 QB sacks, 62 QB pressures and nine fumble recoveries for the Longhorns.

Thomas registered 97 tackles (57 solo) and two QB sacks leading the Razorback defense in tackles for the third straight season. He collected two interceptions as a senior and nine tackles behind the line of scrimmage for 48 yards. Originally from Bakersfield, CA, Thomas majored in Finance with a 3.26 grade point average. He was a first team all-SWC pick at his inside linebacker position. In three seasons, he rang up 330 total tackles and three interceptions.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

William Evers	CB	Florida A&M	5-10	175	2
Roland Smith	CB	Miami	5-9	186	1
Sharron Washington	CB	Missouri	5-10	199	R

Evers played in two games with the Falcons last year against the 49ers and Saints as a reserve. He was placed on the Practice Squad for 2 weeks (week 9 & 10) until his release. William saw action in one game for Atlanta in 1990 vs. the 49ers in week 3. He was later placed on IR for 10 weeks with a broken finger. Evers performed in 42 games for the Rattlers in his college career and finished with nine interceptions, with one score. He collected 197 tackles and had 58 passes defensed, 20 his senior year.

Smith, a 5-9, 186 pounder was a defensive back for the World League's London Monarchs in 1992. He was an 8th round draft selection of the Miami Dolphins in 1991, but was released during training camp. Roland attended the University of Miami where he played on two national championship teams in 1987 and 1989. As a senior, Smith collected 52 tackles, two interceptions and two forced fumbles. Roland grew up in the Miami area and attended Northwestern High School.

Washington was named Big Eight Defensive Player of the year by the NFL Draft Report, setting a school season record for defensive backs with 139 total tackles (85 solo). He picked off one pass and deflected three other passes. Finished out college career with 256 total tackles (152 solo), 14 pass defenses, four interceptions and 3 fumble recoveries.

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

(Taken from Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society Glossary of Medical Terms)

A-C Joint-
Acromioclavicular joint (shoulder) were acromion process (of the scapula) and the clavicle meet and where most shoulder separations occur.

Anabolic Steriods-
Testosterone that stimulates growth in the body as a whole.

Arthrogram-
X-ray technique for joints using air and/or dye injected into affected area (to show torn cartilage or rotator cuff tears).

Arthroscope-
An instrument used for visualization of the interior of a joint cavity.

Arthroscopy-
Examination of the internal structures of a joint by means of a surgical viewing apparatus inserted into the joint.

Bone Scan-
"Radionuclide Imaging", the injection of radioactive fluid, to demonstrate stress fractures not evident on routine x-rays.

Burner-
Common term for brachial plexus trauma in the neck. Usually results in burning or tingling sensation into the shoulder or arm when the neck is forced beyond the normal range of motion.

Cartilage-
Smooth, slippery substance preventing two ends of bones from rubbing together and grating.

Charley Horse-
A bruise to the quadriceps resulting from a direct blow to the front of the thigh, characterized by intramuscular bleeding.

Clavicle-
The collar bone.

Concussion-
Jarring injury of the brain resulting in dysfunction. Various grades to describe damage.

Cortisone-
An anti-inflammatory medication.

Disc-
A flat, round-like, plate structure usually referring to cartilage between vertebrae.

Groin-
Junction of the thigh and abdomen.

Hamstring-
Muscles running from the buttocks to behind the knee and the muscles responsible for flexing the knee joint.

Fibula-
The smaller of the two bones in the lower leg, located to the outside.

Fracture-
Breach in continuity of a bone. Types of fractures include simple, compound, comminuted, greenstick, incomplete, impacted, longitudinal, oblique, stress or transverse.

Humerus-
Bone of the upper arm.

Knee Ligaments-

Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL)-
Ligament of knee attaching to anterior tibial plateau and posterior medial aspect of femoral condyle. It provides stability in keeping the lower leg from coming forward.

Lateral Collateral Ligament (LCL)-
Ligament of knee attaching lateral femoral condyle and to fibula head. It provides lateral stability to the knee.

Medial Collateral Ligament (MCL)-
Ligament of knee along the medial aspect that connects the femur to the tibia. It provides stability to the medial aspect of the joint.

Posterior Cruciate Ligament (PCL)-
Ligament of the knee attaching to posterior tibial plateau and anterior lateral aspect of the femoral condyle. It provides stability in keeping the lower leg from going backward.

Ligament-
Band of fibrous tissue that connects bone to bone, or bone to cartilage, and supports and strengthens joints.

Magnetic Resonance Imagery (MRI)-
Provides highly detailed pictures of the body's interior, using highly magnetic fields. MRI does not require radiation.

Meniscus-
Crescent shaped cartilage usually pertaining to the knee joint.

Patella-
The Kneecap

Rotator Cuff-
Comprised of four muscles in the shoulder area and often irritated by overuse.

Sciatic Nerve-
Largest nerve in body located in back of leg which controls most of its function.

Sprain-
A joint injury. A violent twisting, stretching, pulling or tearing of a ligament.

Strain-
A muscle injury. The pulling or twisting of a muscle or tendon.

Stress Fracture-
A hairline type of break in bone caused by overuse.

Subluxation-
Partial dislocation of a joint. Term usually implies that joint can return to normal position without formal reduction.

Tendon-
Fibrous tissue that connects muscles to other structures.

Triceps-
Muscle of the posterior upper arm, opposite the biceps, that extends the elbow.

ATLANTA FALCONS 1992 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE
68	Alex, Keith	T/G	6-4	312	6969	R	Texas A & M
48	Ashe, Richard	TE	6-4	260	3/14/67	1	Humboldt State
72	Barnett, Oliver	DT	6-3	288	4/9/66	3	Kentucky
33	Bratton, Melvin	RB	6-1	225	2/2/65	3	Miami
34	Broussard, Steve	RB	5-7	201	2/22/67	3	Washington St.
47	Brown, Kevin	LB	6-2	248	5/26/70	R	Youngstown St.
77	Bryan, Rick	DE	6-4	265	3/20/62	9	Oklahoma
63	Buddenberg, John	G	6-6	270	10/9/65	2	Akron
46	Bullock, Randy	LB	6-1	234	11/23/69	R	N.W. Louisiana
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	175	5/28/59	12	Florida State
25	Case, Scott	S	6-1	188	5/17/62	9	Oklahoma
85	Collins, Shawn	WR	6-2	207	2/20/67	4	Northern Arizona
56	Conner, Darion	LB	6-2	245	9/28/67	3	Jackson State
97	Dinkins, Howard	LB	6-1	223	4/26/69	R	Florida State
42	Donaldson, Jeff	S	6-0	190	4/19/62	9	Colorado
64	Dukes, Jamie	C	6-1	285	6/14/64	7	Florida State
49	Dwight, Reggie	TE	6-4	266	4/4/70	R	Troy State
32	Eaton, Tracey	S	6-1	195	7/19/65	5	Portland State
74	Epps, Tory	NT	6-0	280	5/28/67	3	Memphis State
96	Evans, Scott	DE	6-4	260	3/29/68	1	Oklahoma
51	Faryniarz, Brett	LB	6-3	235	7/23/65	5	San Diego State
53	Forde, Brian	LB	6-3	235	11/1/63	5	Washington State
65	Fortin, Roman	G	6-5	285	2/26/67	2	San Diego State
79	Fralic, Bill	G	6-5	280	10/31/62	8	Pittsburgh
17	Fulhage, Scott	P	6-0	193	11/17/61	6	Kansas State
76	Gann, Mike	DE	6-5	270	10/19/63	8	Notre Dame
67	Gardner, Moe	NT	6-2	258	8/10/68	2	Illinois
62	Giles, Oscar	DE	6-2	246	9/27/68	R	Texas
99	Green, Tim	DE	6-2	245	12/16/63	7	Syracuse
98	Hamilton, Darrell	T	6-5	298	5/11/65	4	North Carolina
19	Hamm, Horace	WR	5-11	170	12/20/69	R	Lehigh
50	Hardy, Darryl	LB	6-2	220	11/22/68	R	Tennessee
81	Haynes, Michael	WR	6-0	180	12/24/65	5	Northern Arizona
86	Hill, Drew	WR	5-9	172	10/5/56	13	Georgia Tech
75	Hinton, Chris	T	6-4	300	7/31/61	10	Northwestern
69	Hoover, Houston	G	6-2	295	2/6/65	5	Jackson State
24	Johnson, Michael	WR	6-0	190	1/14/69	1	Cal-State Sacram
9	Johnson, Norm	K	6-2	203	5/31/60	11	UCLA
38	Jones, Keith	RB	6-1	210	3/20/66	4	Illinois
73	Jones, Robin	DE	6-2	266	6/19/69	R	Baylor
83	Jones, Tony	WR	5-7	145	12/30/65	3	Texas

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (Continued)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE
40	Jordan, Brian	S	6-1	205	3/29/67	4	Richmond
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-7	280	2/9/56	15	Michigan
7	Kiel, Blair	QB	6-0	209	11/29/61	8	Notre Dame
88	Le Bel, Harper	TE	6-4	245	7/14/63	4	Colo. State
54	Lyles, Robert	LB	6-1	230	3/21/61	9	TCU
22	McKyer, Tim	CB	6-0	174	9/5/63	7	Texas-Arlington
12	Miller, Chris	QB	6-2	205	8/9/65	6	Oregon
84	Miller, Karl	WR	5-10	183	1/24/69	1	Georgia Southern
87	Milling, James	WR	5-9	160	2/14/65	4	Maryland
20	Mills, Troy	RB	6-0	210	7/1/66	R	Sacramento State
36	Moore, Derrick	RB	6-1	227	10/13/67	R	NE St. Oklahoma
26	Olive, Bobby	WR	5-11	160	4/22/69	1	Ohio State
91	Paulk, Tim	LB	6-1	229	4/3/68	R	Florida
41	Pegram, Erric	RB	5-9	188	1/7/69	2	N. Texas State
82	Phillips, Jason	WR	5-7	166	10/11/66	4	Houston
39	Pickens, Bruce	CB	5-11	190	5/9/68	2	Nebraska
35	Pritchard, Mike	WR	5-11	180	10/25/69	2	Colorado
59	Rade, John	LB	6-1	240	8/31/60	10	Boise State
30	Ray, Terry	S	6-1	187	10/12/69	R	Oklahoma
95	Reid, Michael	LB	6-2	235	6/25/64	6	Wisconsin
98	Reynolds, Don	DT	6-3	274	11/11/69	R	Virginia
80	Rison, Andre	WR	6-0	188	3/18/67	4	Michigan State
55	Ruether, Mike	C	6-4	286	9/20/62	7	Texas
94	Saddler, Rod	DE	6-5	280	12/8/65	6	Texas A & M
21	Sanders, Deion	CB	6-0	185	8/9/67	4	Florida State
37	Shelley, Elbert	CB	5-11	185	12/24/64	6	Arkansas St.
66	Sims, Joe	G	6-3	294	3/1/69	2	Nebraska
90	Smith, Chuck	DE	6-2	242	12/21/69	R	Tennessee
29	Smith, Frankie	CB	5-9	177	10/8/68	R	Baylor
61	Smith, Hosie	G	6-2	317	7/5/68	R	Central St. Ohio
71	Smith, Sean	DE	6-7	280	5/29/67	3	Georgia Tech
28	Smith, Tony	RB	6-1	214	6/29/70	R	Southern Miss
89	Thomas, George	WR	5-9	169	7/11/64	4	UNLV
92	Thomas, Mick	LB	6-2	233	6/14/69	R	Arkansas
52	Tippins, Ken	LB	6-1	230	7/22/66	4	Mid Tenn St. Univ
11	Tolliver, Billy Joe	QB	6-1	218	2/7/66	4	Texas Tech
96	Truitt, Leroy	T	6-3	308	5/23/69	1	Houston
58	Tuggle, Jessie	LB	5-11	230	2/14/65	6	Valdosta State
44	Washington, Sharron	CB	5-10	199	1/15/69	R	Missouri
70	Whitfield, Bob	OT	6-5	291	10/18/71	R	Stanford
92	Zawatson, Dave	G/T	6-5	288	4/13/66	4	California

A SUPER EFFORT

In December of '89, an Atlanta Super Bowl task force went to New York to discuss the bid details with NFL officials and in January of '90, a group took notes at Super Bowl XXIV in New Orleans. On March 27, Commissioner Tagliabue visited the Georgia Dome for a survey and meeting, followed by an NFL-appointed architect to review the Dome plans. In late March, a draft of the bid was sent to New York to be reviewed by owners committeemen Norman Braman (Eagles), Mike Brown (Bengals) and Ralph Wilson (Bills). Formal bids were sent to the NFL in late April of '90.

On May 23, 1990, the cities of Atlanta, New Orleans, Miami and Tampa Bay gave their final presentations on their bid to be host to the 1994 Super Bowl. Governor Joe Frank Harris, Mayor Maynard Jackson and Ted Sprague, president of the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented Atlanta's bid to the 28 NFL owners at the Four Seasons Resort in Dallas, Texas. After each city had given their 15 minute presentation, the NFL owners voted by secret ballot. Even though Atlanta's deal was not the most lucrative out of the other cities (Miami's was $1.3 more in total), the owners voted 22-6 on the fourth ballot in favor of Atlanta. It was the quickest decision in naming a winner since 1984. In the balloting, Tampa was eliminated on the first ballot. A tie on the second vote could not eliminate any city. On ballot three, no one got the required 21 votes, with New Orleans being dropped as the low total. On the fourth ballot, Atlanta received the three-fourths majority. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue then declared Atlanta the host city for Super Bowl XXVIII in 1994 at the Press Conference at 5:20 p.m. EDT.

The exact date for Super Bowl XXVIII has not been set by the NFL.

Rankin Smith (right) shows Commissioner Tagliabue the Georgia Dome where Super Bowl XXVIII will be played.

'91 IN REVIEW

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Atlanta Falcons Final Statistics

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (Actual) 10-6

WON 10, LOST 6 (*OVERTIME)

Sept.	1	L	3-14	at Kansas City	74,246
Sept.	8	L	19-20	Minnesota	50,936
Sept.	15	W	13-10	at San Diego	44,804
Sept.	22	W	21-17	Raiders	53,615
Sept.	29	L	6-27	New Orleans	56,556
Oct.	13	W	39-34	at San Fran.	57,343
Oct.	20	L	10-16	at Phoenix	29,804
Oct.	27	W	31-14	Rams	50,187
Nov.	3	W	17-14	San Fran.	51,259
Nov.	10	L	17-56	at Washington	52,461
Nov.	17	W	43-7	Tampa Bay	41,274
Nov.	24	*W	23-20	at New Orleans	68,591
Dec.	1	W	35-31	Green Bay	43,270
Dec.	8	W	31-14	at Rams	35,315
Dec.	15	W	26-13	Seattle	53,834
Dec.	22	L	27-31	at Dallas	60,962

TEAM STATISTICS	FALCONS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	258	278
Rushing	82	94
Passing	162	157
Penalty	14	27
3rd Dwn: Md/Att	69/194	82/210
3rd Dwn: Pct.	35.6	39.0
4th Dwn: Md/Att	5/9	2/9
4th Dwn. Pct.	55.6	22.2
POSSESSION AVG.	29:13	30:47
TOTAL NET YARDS	5113	5248
Avg. per game	319.6	328.0
Total plays	941	976
Avg. per play	5.4	5.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	1664	1953
Avg. per game	104.0	122.1
Total rushes	410	466
NET YARDS PASSING	3449	3295
Avg. per game	215.6	205.9
Sacked/Yards Lost	31/185	29/237
Gross yards	3634	3532
Att/Comp	500/260	481/252
Pct. Comp	52.0	52.4
Had intercepted	22	19
PUNTS/AVERAGE	82/42.6	79/40.3
NET PUNTING AVG.	36.4	35.5
PENALTIES/YARDS	113/929	100/802
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	19/14	27/16
TOUCHDOWNS	42	43
Rushing	6	13
Passing	30	28
Returns	6	2

SCORE/PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
FALCONS	84	102	88	84	3	361
OPPONENTS	48	94	70	126	0	338

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Broussard	99	449	4.5	36	4
Rozier	96	361	3.8	19	0
Pegram	101	349	3.5	34	1
Miller	32	229	7.2	20	0
Chaffey	29	127	4.4	27	1
Jones	35	126	3.6	14	0
T. Johnson	8	26	3.3	6	0
Tolliver	9	6	0.7	7	0
Rison	1	-9	-9.0	-9	0
FALCONS	410	1664	4.1	36	6
Opponents	466	1953	4.2	t65	13

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Rison	81	976	12.0	t39	12
Haynes	50	1122	22.4	t80	11
Pritchard	50	624	12.5	29	2
Thomas	28	365	13.0	37	2
Dixon	12	146	12.2	23	1
Broussard	12	120	10.0	t25	1
Phillips	6	73	12.2	24	0
Jones	6	58	9.7	15	0
Collins	3	37	12.3	21	0
T. Johnson	3	27	9.0	13	0
Wilkins	3	22	7.3	12	1
Rozier	2	15	7.5	9	0
Ruether	1	22	22.0	22	0
Sanders	1	17	17.0	17	0
Bruce	1	11	11.0	11	0
Pegram	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
FALCONS	260	3634	14.0	t80	30
Opponents	252	3532	14.0	t97	28

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	PAT	FG	S	TP
N. Johnson	0	0	0	38/39	19/23	0	95
Rison	0	12	0	0/0	0/0	0	72
Haynes	0	11	0	0/0	0/0	0	66
Broussard	4	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	30
Pritchard	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Sanders	0	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Thomas	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Daluiso	0	0	0	2/2	2/3	0	8
Barnett	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Chaffey	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Dixon	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Fishback	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Pegram	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Tippins	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Tuggle	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Wilkins	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Jordan	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	2	4
FALCONS	6	30	6	40/42	21/26	3	361
Opponents	13	28	2	41/43	13/26	0	338

FLD GLS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
N. Johnson	0/0	9/9	4/4	5/8	1/2
Daluiso	0/0	2/3	0/0	0/0	0/0
FALCONS	0/0	11/12	4/4	5/8	1/2
Oppnts	0/0	4/4	4/8	4/10	1/4

N. Johnson:: ( ) ( ) (28G, 36G, 53N) ( ) (29G, 43G, 44G, 30G) (29G) (31G) (31G, 49G) (25G, 27G, 50G) ( ) (21G) (49N, 29G, 49N)
Daluiso: (20G) (23G, 26N)
FALCONS: (20G) (23G, 26N) (28G, 36G, 53N) (47N) ( ) (29G, 43G, 44G, 30G) (29G) (44G) (29G) (31G) (31G, 49G) (25G, 27G, 50G) ( ) (21G) (42G) (49N, 25G, 29G, 49N)

OPPONENTS: (51N) ( ) (53N, 47N, 39G, 47N) (49G) (23G, 31G) ( ) (29G, 51G, 49G, 44N) ( ) (33N, 32N, 32N, 47N) (48N) ( ) (39G, 31G, 55N) (27G) ( ) (34N, 43G, 43G) (20G, 45N)

INTERCEPTS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	6	119	19.8	t55	1
McKyer	6	24	4.0	24	0
Case	2	23	11.5	17	0
Jordan	2	3	1.5	3	0
Tippins	1	35	35.0	35	0
Tuggle	1	21	21.0	21	0
Gann	1	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS	19	225	11.8	t55	1
Opponents	22	279	12.7	51	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Net	TB	In20	LG	Blk
Fulhage	81	3470	42.8	36.6	6	21	60	0
N. Johnson	1	21	21.0	21.0	0	1	21	0
FALCONS	82	3491	42.6	36.4	6	22	60	0
Opponents	79	3187	40.3	35.5	5	27	64	3

PUNT RET	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	21	9	170	8.1	23	0
Jordan	14	9	116	8.3	13	0
FALCONS	35	18	286	8.2	23	0
Opponents	45	18	387	8.6	29	0

KO RET	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	26	576	22.2	t100	1
Pegram	16	260	16.3	30	0
Jordan	5	100	20.0	29	0
Fishback	3	29	9.7	19	0
Chaffey	1	14	14.0	14	0
Pritchard	1	18	18.0	18	0
Danaldson	0	0	—	0	0
FALCONS	52	997	19.2	t100	1
Opponents	67	1419	21.2	t102	1

SACKS: Green 5.0, Jordan 4.0, Conner 3.5, Bryan 3.0, Gardner 3.0, Mitchell 2.0, Shelley 2.0, Epps 1.5, Barnett 1.0, Donaldson 1.0, Sanders 1.0., Tippins 1.0, Tuggle 1.0
FALCONS 29.0, OPPONENTS 31.0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	Av/Att	TD	Pct.TD	Int	Pct.Int	LG	Lst/At	Rtng
Miller	413	220	3103	53.3	7.51	26	6.3	18	4.4	t80	23/145	80.6
Tolliver	82	40	531	48.8	6.48	4	4.9	2	2.4	t75	7/29	75.8
Favre	5	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	2	40.0	0	1/11	0.0
FALCONS	500	260	3634	52.0	7.27	30	6.0	22	4.4	t80	31/185	77.4
Opp. Tot.	481	252	3532	52.4	7.34	28	5.8	19	4.0	t97	29/237	79.3

CB Tim McKyer tied for the team lead with 6 interceptions and was second on the club with 12 passes defensed in his first season lining up in a Falcons uniform in 1991.

Defensive Stats
(Final Official)

PLAYER	TOT TKL	TKL	AST	SCK/YDS	QB PRESSURES	INT	PASSES DEF	FUMBLES REC	FUMBLES FORCED	BATTED BALL
Tuggle	**207**	106	101	1/7	6	1/21	4	**2**	1	0
Case	162	68	94	0/0	5	2/23	9	2	0	0
Jordan	145	67	78	4/38	8	2/0	4	1	2	1
Bryan	131	63	68	3/15	27	0/0	0	0	2	**2**
Green	117	49	68	**5/44**	29	0/0	0	2	0	0
Conner	105	44	61	3/27	14	0/0	1	1	2	0
Gardner	96	51	45	3/31	**38**	0/0	0	0	3	**2**
Tippins	72	32	40	1/8	6	1/35	2	1	1	0
McKyer	61	47	14	0/0	0	**6/24**	12	0	0	0
Epps	60	26	34	1.5/11	8	0/0	1	1	0	1
Rade	58	19	39	0/0	1	0/0	1	0	0	0
Lyles	51	18	33	0/0	9	0/0	3	0	0	0
Donaldson	47	23	24	1/4	1	0/0	1	0	1	0
Sanders	49	35	14	1/9	0	**6/115**	**14**	0	2	0
Barnett	44	20	24	1/3	5	0/0	1	1	0	0
Eaton	36	16	20	0/0	1	0/0	0	0	1	0
Gann	33	12	21	0/0	5	1/0	1	0	0	0
Mitchell	33	22	11	2/22	2	0/0	3	0	1	0
Butler	28	22	6	0/0	4	0/0	5	1	0	0
Shelley	9	7	2	2/10	1	0/0	0	0	2	1
Pickens	7	5	2	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Fishback	5	3	2	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Pritchett	4	2	2	0/0	1	0/0	0	0	0	0
Team Totals	1560	757	803	20/209	175	21/218	62	12	18	7

Special Teams Stats

Total Tackles & Assists: Fishback - 24, Shelley - 22, Tippins 21, Eaton - 19, T. Johnson 17, Jordan - 13, Donaldson - 13, Chaffey - 12, Pegram - 11, Tuggle - 10, Lyles - 7, Mitchell - 5, Jones - 5, Conner - 4, Sanders - 4, Fulhage - 3, Bingham - 2, N. Johnson - 2, Wilkins - 1, LeBel - 1(IR), Picken - 1, Bruce - 1

Forced Fumbles (4): Pegram vs. Minnesota (punt); Tracey Johnson and Elbert Shelley vs. Phoenix (KO); Elbert Shelley vs. GB (KO)

Fumble Recoveries (3): Tracey Johnson vs. SF (muff punt); Joe Fishback vs. Minnesota (punt); Joe Fishback (KO) vs. GB for TD (16 yds.)

Kicking: K Norm Johnson - 72 KO, 27 End Zone, 6 TB; K Brad Daluiso - 6 KO, 4 End Zone, 4 TB

Field Goals: K Norm Johnson - 19-23; (Made - 50, 49, 44, 44, 43, 42, 36, 31, 31, 30, 29, 29, 29, 28, 27, 25, 25, 23, 21) (Missed - 53, 47, 49, 49); K Brad Daluiso - 2-3 (Made - 20, 23) (Missed - 26)

Extra Points: K Norm Johnson - 38-39; K Brad Daluiso - 2-2

Blocked Kicks (7): Brian Jordan (PAT) at SF; Rick Bryan (FG) at PHX; Rick Bryan (PAT) vs. MINN; Tory Epps (FG) vs. SF; Tracey Eaton (Punt) vs. WASH; Darion Conner (Punt) vs. WASH; Tracey Eaton (Punt) vs. LA RAMS

Deflected Punts: Joe Fishback vs. SF

Tackled Punter: Tracey Eaton vs. GB (-2)

Cumulative Playoff Statistics

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE

WON 1, LOST 1

Dec.	28	W	27-20	at New Orleans	68,794
Jan.	4	L	7-24	at Washington	55,181

TEAM STATISTICS	FALCONS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	32	45
Rushing	8	13
Passing	22	27
Penalty	2	5
3rd Dwn: Md/Att	9/21	15/30
4th Dwn: Md/Att	0/1	0/0
TOTAL NET YARDS	527	662
Avg. per game	263.5	331.0
Total plays	107	141
Avg. per play	4.9	4.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	122	227
Avg. per game	61.0	113.5
Total rushes	36	67
NET YARDS PASSING	405	435
Avg. per game	202.5	217.5
Tackled/Yards Lost	9/64	1/8
Gross yards	469	443
Att/Comp	62/35	73/40
Pct. Comp	56.5	54.8
Had intercepted	5	3
PUNTS/AVERAGE	5/42.2	7/45.3
NET PUNTING AVG.	36.6	34.9
PENALTIES/YARDS	9/67	9/72
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	6/3	2/1
TOUCHDOWNS	4	5
Rushing	1	4
Passing	3	1
Returns	0	0

SCORE/PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
FALCONS	0	17	7	10	0	34
OPPONENTS	7	20	3	14	0	44

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Rozier	7	35	5.0	11	0
T. Johnson	8	33	4.1	9	1
Pegram	14	28	2.0	10	0
Miller	4	18	4.5	12	0
Chaffey	3	8	2.7	3	0
FALCONS	36	122	3.4	12	1
Opponents	67	227	3.4	t17	4

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Rison	11	118	10.7	t24	1
Pritchard	10	119	11.9	17	0
Haynes	7	159	22.7	t61	2
Dixon	3	23	7.7	11	0
Thomas	2	34	17.0	19	0
Phillips	1	11	11.0	11	0
Pegram	1	5	5.0	5	0
FALCONS	35	469	13.4	t61	3
Opponents	40	443	11.1	t26	1

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	1	31	31.0	31	0
Jordan	1	4	4.0	4	0
McKyer	1	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS	3	35	11.7	31	0
Opponents	5	27	5.4	19	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	PAT	FG	S	TP
Haynes	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
N. Johnson	0	0	0	4/4	2/4	0	10
T. Johnson	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Rison	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
FALCONS	1	3	0	4/4	2/4	0	34
Opponents	4	1	0	5/5	3/6	0	44

SACKS: Green 1.0, **FALCONS** 1.0, **OPPONENTS** 9.0

FLD GLS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
N. Johnson	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/2	0/1
Oppnts	0/0	1/1	1/2	1/3	0/0

N. Johnson:: (44G, 36G, 54N) (45N)

OPPONENTS: (45G, 35G) (47N, 37N, 44N, 24G)

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Net	TB	In	LG	B
Fulhage	5	211	42.2	36.6	0	2	47	0
FALCONS	5	211	42.2	36.6	0	2	47	0
Opponents	7	317	45.3	34.9	2	2	56	0

PUNT RET	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	3	0	33	11.0	22	0
FALCONS	3	0	33	11.0	22	0
Opponents	3	2	28	9.3	26	0

KO RET	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	6	124	20.7	32	0
Fishback	1	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS	7	124	17.7	32	0
Opponents	6	149	24.8	39	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	Av/Att	TD	Pct.TD	Int	Pct.Int	LG	Lst/At	Rtng
Miller	62	35	469	56.5	7.56	3	4.8	5	8.1	t61	9/64	63.2
FALCONS	62	35	469	56.5	7.56	3	4.8	5	8.1	t61	9/64	63.2
Opp. Tot.	73	40	443	54.8	6.07	1	1.4	3	4.1	t26	1/8	60.5

Playoff Defensive Stats
(Unofficial - 2 Games)

Tuggle	15 - 16	=	31	Donaldson	6 - 4	=	10
Jordan	10 - 12	=	22	Rade	3 - 3	=	6
Tippins	13 - 7	=	20	McKyer	4 - 2	=	6
Green	12 - 7	=	19	Barnett	3 - 2	=	5
Bryan	6 - 11	=	17	Butler	5 - 0	=	5
Case	12 - 4	=	16	Epps	2 - 1	=	3
Gardner	8 - 6	=	14	Conner	2 - 1	=	3
Eaton	7 - 7	=	14	Reid	0 - 1	=	1
Sanders	6 - 4	=	10	Mitchell	1 - 0	=	1
Lyles	2 - 8	=	10				

QB Sacks (1): Green - 1

Forced Fumbles (1): Gardner - 1

Fumbles Recovered (1): Lyles - 1

Passes Defensed (16): Case - 3, Eaton - 3, Jordan - 2, Sanders - 2, Rade - 1, McKyler - 1, Donaldson - 1, Conner - 1, Gardner - 1, Lyles - 1

This forced fumble by Moe Gardner was recovered by Robert Lyles, stopping a Saints drive in the 4th quarter, to help the Falcons capture their first ever road Playoff victory in team history.

1991 Game-By-Game Offensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Downs	(R/PS/PN)	3rd Down	4th Down	Total Net Yds.	Net Rush	Net Pass	Att/Comp/ Inter	S-Yds	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Ret	Punts	Fum	Pen
@ Kansas City	L 3-14	13	6/6/1	3/9	1/1	243	141	102	21/9/4	1-8	0	0	0	4/41.5	2/2	9/69
MINNESOTA	L 19-20	23	9/14/0	5/11	1/2	439	159	280	41/27/1	2-20	0	2	0	2/48.5	1/1	8/86
@ San Diego	W 13-10	18	6/12/0	5/13	0/0	317	122	195	33/16/1	1-3	0	1	0	5/44.2	0/0	4/18
LA RAIDERS	W 21-17	16	4/11/1	5/12	0/0	320	80	240	31/17/3	1-2	0	2	1	5/38	1/1	9/74
NEW ORLEANS	L 6-27	8	1/5/2	3/13	0/0	162	33	129	30/14/0	5-34	0	0	1	9/45.4	3/2	9/59
@ San Francisco	W 39-34	19	8/11/0	5/10	0/0	368	160	208	28/16/0	0-0	0	3	1	2/47.0	1/0	7/62
@ Phoenix	L 10-16	15	5/10/0	2/9	0/0	318	107	211	35/13/4	2-9	0	1	0	5/47.0	2/1	4/30
LA RAMS	W 31-14	16	5/11/0	5/12	0/0	399	121	278	24/19/0	1-4	1	3	0	5/47.0	1/1	11/125
SAN FRANCISCO	W 17-14	11	6/4/1	4/16	2/2	202	75	127	31/12/1	1-4	0	2	0	9/38.8	1/0	4/47
@ Washington	L 17-56	12	3/7/2	3/12	0/0	271	62	209	36/14/3	5-34	0	2	0	7/40.0	3/3	7/45
TAMPA BAY	W 43-7	20	6/11/3	5/11	0/0	358	132	226	25/15/0	1-10	1	3	1	4/38.8	0/0	7/60
@ New Orleans	W 23-20	13	2/9/2	1/14	0/0	331	91	240	31/15/3	4-20	0	2	0	7/46.6	1/1	5/36
GREEN BAY	W 35-31	23	4/17/2	4/10	1/3	352	79	273	37/20/1	2-8	2	2	1	3/47.0	0/0	9/50
@ LA Rams	W 31-14	21	5/15/1	5/10	0/0	359	84	275	31/20/1	0-0	2	2	0	4/35.3	1/0	5/39
SEATTLE	W 26-13	14	7/7/0	7/16	0/0	271	131	140	27/14/0	2-20	0	2	1	8/44.3	1/1	7/59
@ Dallas	L 31-27	17	5/12/0	5/13	0/1	403	87	316	39/19/0	2-9	0	3	0	3/33.3	2/1	9/74
TOTALS		259	82/162/15	67/191	5/9	5113	1664	3449	500/260/22	30-185	6	30	6	82/42.6	20/14	114/933

1991 Game-By-Game Defensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Downs	(R/PS/PN)	3rd Down	4th Down	Total Net Yds.	Net Rush	Net Pass	Att/Comp/ Inter	S-Yds	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Ret	Punts	Fum	Opp. Pen
@ Kansas City	L 3-14	17	7/8/2	4/13	1/1	291	152	139	24/13/0	2/19	1	1	0	7/36.7	4/1	6/52
MINNESOTA	L 19-20	17	7/9/1	1/6	0/1	290	133	157	18/13/1	0/0	1	2	0	3/52.7	2/1	1/10
@ San Diego	W 13-10	13	7/5/1	2/10	0/0	313	184	129	22/13/0	1-7	0	1	0	5/40.0	2/1	4/30
LA Raiders	W 21-17	12	3/7/2	5/16	0/1	159	72	87	32/10/2	3-29	0	2	0	7/45.3	1/1	9/82
NEW ORLEANS	L 6-27	17	6/8/3	8/17	0/0	367	170	197	29/18/0	0/0	1	2	0	6/43.5	1/1	7/44
@ San Francisco	W 39-34	24	8/13/3	7/11	0/1	437	94	343	38/22/3	1/5	3	2	0	2/31.0	3/1	5/35
@ Phoenix	L 10-16	16	9/7/0	7/17	0/0	266	168	98	23/9/1	4/41	0	1	0	5/53.2	1/1	7/45
LA RAMS	W 31-14	13	5/6/2	3/11	0/0	209	100	109	29/10/1	1/1	1	1	0	8/40.5	0/0	6/48
SAN FRANCISCO	W 17-14	19	6/12/1	6/14	0/0	396	129	267	35/20/2	3/31	0	2	0	4/33.8	2/1	10/60
@ Washington	L 17-56	20	3/16/1	8/17	0/0	559	108	451	32/17/0	0/0	1	6	1	7/25.7	0/0	5/51
TAMPA BAY	W 43-7	14	2/11/1	4/10	0/1	249	42	207	31/17/2	4/28	0	1	0	4/42.5	3/2	7/51
@ New Orleans	W 23-20	20	8/10/2	5/18	0/1	419	164	255	35/16/1	0/0	2	0	0	7/37.7	2/2	6/45
GREEN BAY	W 35-31	22	6/15/1	8/14	0/1	389	128	261	35/22/0	3/15	1	3	0	3/45.7	4/2	9/98
LA Rams	W 31-14	16	5/10/1	5/12	1/2	274	109	165	26/12/1	3/32	0	2	0	5/33.4	1/1	5/31
SEATTLE	W 26-13	14	2/10/2	2/10	0/0	235	33	202	37/22/3	5/29	0	1	0	4/44.8	1/0	6/50
@ Dallas	L 31-27	24	10/10/4	7/14	0/0	391	163	228	35/18/2	0/0	2	1	1	2/55	2/2	7/65
TOTALS		278	94/157/27	82/210	2/9	5244	1949	3295	481/252/19	30-237	13	28	2	79/41.3	29/17	100/797

1991 Game-By-Game Rushing Statistics

Game		Score	Broussard	Jones	Miller	Chaffey	Pegram	Rozier	Johnson	Tolliver
@ Kansas City	L	3-14	1/1/0	18/74/0	2/30/0	7/32/0	1/4/0	—	1/6/0	INA
MINNESOTA	L	19-20	1/3/0	10/36/0	4/36/0	0/0/0	11/78/0	—	1/6/0	DNP
@ San Diego	W	13-10	20/101/0	3/12/0	2/3/0	0/0/0	1/1/0	—	1/5/0	DNP
LA RAIDERS	W	21-17	5/7/0	3/-1/0	3/15/0	0/0/0	13/58/0	0/0/0	2/1/0	DNP
NEW ORLEANS	L	6-27	3/3/0	1/5/0	1/20/0	—	4/-2/0	4/16/0	0/0/0	DNP
@ San Francisco	W	39-34	10/104/0	IR	2/1/0	3/11/0	10/35/0	2/9/0	0/0/0	DNP
@ Phoenix	L	10-16	7/34/0	IR	2/9/0	4/34/0	0/0/0	5/30/0	0/0/0	DNP
LA RAMS	W	31-14	0/0/0	IR	2/15/0	5/30/1	10/14/0	16/54/0	0/0/0	2/8/0
SAN FRANCISCO	W	17-14	6/10/0	IR	0/0/0	5/9/0	1/-2/0	16/55/0	0/0/0	2/3/0
@ Washington	L	17-56	3/14/0	IR	INA	3/3/0	0/0/0	11/45/0	0/0/0	1/0/0
TAMPA BAY	W	43-7	10/57/1	IR	1/19/0	0/0/0	12/29/0	8/27/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ New Orleans	W	23-20	INA	IR	1/7/0	0/0/0	4/11/0	20/63/0	3/10/0	0/0/0
GREEN BAY	W	35-31	9/26/1	IR	2/19/0	0/0/0	9/34/1	DNP	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ LA Rams	W	31-14	15/48/2	IR	3/20/0	1/3/0	7/16/0	1/-1/0	0/0/0	2/-2/0
SEATTLE	W	26-13	9/41/0	IR	4/24/0	1/5/0	6/15/0	11/49/0	0/0/0	2/-3/0
@ Dallas	L	31-27	INA	IR	3/11/0	0/0/0	12/58/0	2/14/0	1/4/0	DNP
TOTALS			99/449/4	35/126/0	32/229/0	29/127/1	101/349/1	96/361/0	9/32/0	9/6/0

1991 Game-By-Game Receiving Statistics

Game		Score	Broussard	Collins	Dixon	Haynes	Johnson	Jones	Pegram	Pritchard	Rison	Rozier	Thomas	Wilkins	Ruether
@ Kansas City	L	3-14	1/10/0	0/0/0	1/17/0	1/16/0	0/0/0	1/9/0	0/0/0	1/17/0	2/11/0	—	1/8/0	0/0/0	1/22/0
MINNESOTA	L	19-20	1/-5/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/25/0	0/0/0	3/42/0	0/0/0	9/82/0	4/25/0	—	7/128/1	1/3/1	0/0/0
@ San Diego	W	13-10	2/20/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/31/0	1/13/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	3/34/1	7/95/0	—	1/9/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
LA RAIDERS	W	21-17	1/25/1	1/7/0	0/0/0	4/62/1	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/40/0	5/53/0	0/0/0	3/39/0	2/19/0	0/0/0
NEW ORLEANS	L	6-27	0/0/0	1/21/0	0/0/0	2/13/0	1/1/0	2/7/0	0/0/0	4/58/0	1/9/0	0/0/0	3/54/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ San Francisco	W	39-34	0/0/0	1/9/0	0/0/0	5/94/1	0/0/0	IR	1/-1/0	3/37/0	6/69/2	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
@ Phoenix	L	10-16	1/12/0	0/0/0	0/0/0	2/35/0	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	4/71/1	5/91/0	0/0/0	IR	IR	0/0/0
LA RAMS	W	31-14	2/10/0	IR	3/34/1	4/110/1	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	5/53/0	5/75/1	0/0/0	IR	IR	0/0/0
SAN FRANCISCO	W	17-14	1/6/0	IR	0/0/0	1/44/0	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	2/13/0	7/62/1	0/0/0	1/6/0	IR	0/0/0
@ Washington	L	17-56	0/0/0	IR	DNP	2/105/1	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	3/51/0	7/72/1	2/15/0	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0
TAMPA BAY	W	43-7	0/0/0	IR	DNP	3/54/1	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	2/26/0	6/89/3	0/0/0	2/21/0	IR	0/0/0
@ New Orleans	W	23-20	INA	IR	2/13/0	6/187/2	1/13/0	IR	0/0/0	1/12/0	3/25/0	0/0/0	1/8/0	IR	0/0/0
GREEN BAY	W	23-20	INA	IR	0/0/0	2/29/0	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	4/60/0	8/124/2	DNP	3/29/0	IR	0/0/0
@ LA Rams	W	31-14	2/20/0	IR	2/25/0	6/112/1	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	2/27/0	6/67/1	0/0/0	2/24/0	IR	0/0/0
SEATTLE	W	26-13	0/0/0	IR	1/9/0	4/60/1	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	2/17/0	3/35/0	0/0/0	4/39/1	IR	0/0/0
@ Dallas	L	31-27	INA	IR	3/48/0	5/148/2	0/0/0	IR	0/0/0	3/30/0	6/74/1	0/0/0	DNP	IR	0/0/0
TOTALS			12/120/1	3/37/0	12/146/1	51/1125/11	3/27/0	6/58/0	1/-1/0	50/628/2	81/976/13	2/15/0	28/365/2	3/22/1	1/22/0

1991 Game-By-Game Passing Statistics

Game		Score	Miller	Favre	Tolliver
@ Kansas City	L	3-14	21/9/110/22/0td/4int.	DNP	INA
MINNESOTA	L	19-20	41/27/300/32/2td/1int.	INA	DNP
@ San Diego	W	13-10	33/16/198/34/1td/1int.	INA	DNP
LA RAIDERS	W	21-17	31/17/242/46/2td/3int.	INA	DNP
NEW ORLEANS	L	6-27	30/14/163/37/0td/0int.	INA	DNP
@ San Francisco	W	39-34	28/16/208/41/3td/0int.	INA	DNP
@ Phoenix	L	10-16	35/13/220/32/1td/4int.	INA	DNP
LA RAMS	W	31-14	19/14/237/55/3td/0int.	0/0/0	5/5/45/18/0td/0int
SAN FRANCISCO	W	17-14	9/1/11/11/0td/1int.	INA	22/11/120/44/2td/0int.
@ Washington	L	17-56	INA	5/0/0td/2int.	31/14/243/75/2td/1int.
TAMPA BAY	W	43-7	23/14/212/39/3td/0int.	INA	2/1/24/0td/0int.
@ New Orleans	W	23-20	31/15/260/80/2td/3int.	INA	DNP
GREEN BAY	W	35-31	18/12/186/28/2td/0int.	INA	19/8/95/17/0td/1int.
@ LA Rams	W	31-14	28/19/271/52/2td/1int.		
SEATTLE	W	26-13	27/14/160/30/2td/0int.	INA	0/0/0
@ Dallas	L	31-27	39/19/325/67/3td/0int.	INA	DNP
TOTALS			413/220/3103/595/26td/18int.	5/0/0td/2int.	82/40/531/158/4td/2int.

Game 1 (September 1)
Kansas City 14, Atlanta 3
Arrowhead Stadium (74,246)

The Falcons opened up their 1991 regular season in run oriented "Green Trey" formation as the birds carried an unusual 29 times to only 21 pass attempts. A Brad Daluiso FG on the Falcons' first possession of the season held as the birds went in at halftime with a 3-0 lead. Six turnovers plagued the Falcons in the second half, starting with a fumble at the KC 37 on the first drive of the second half. A second fumble at their own 27 resulted in a Christian Okoye touchdown in the third quarter. Harvey Williams scored from six yards out in the fourth to seal the win. The new formation resulted in a 4.9 rush average, 141 yards, before falling behind as a result of the turnovers. Okoye pounded out 109 second half yards to help control the clock.

ATLANTA	3	0	0	7	—	3
Kansas City	0	0	7	7	—	14

Scoring

Atl — Daluiso 20 yard FG
KC — Okoye 4 yard run (Lowery kick)
KC — Harry 6 yard pass from DeBerg (Lowery kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Chiefs
First Downs	13	17
Total Yards	243	291
Rushes Yardage	29/141	33/152
Passing Yardage	102	139
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	21/9/4	24/13/0
Sacked/Yards	1/8	2/19
Penalties/Yards	9/69	9/52
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	4/1

Rushing

Falcons — Jones 18-74, Chaffey 7-32, Miller 2-30, Pegram 1-4, Broussard 1-1.
Chiefs — Okoye 22-143-1td, Word 6-13, DeBerg 4 (– 2), Saxon 1 (– 2).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 21-9-4int., 110 yards, long 22.
Chiefs — DeBerg 24-13-1td, 158 yards, long 26.

Receiving

Falcons — Ruether 1-22, Dixon 1-17, Pritchard 1-17, Haynes 1-16, Rison 2-11, Broussard 1-10, Jones 1-9, Thomas 1-8.
Chiefs — Paige 6-79, Anders 2-30, Hayes 1-20, Barnett 1-13, Thomas 1-13, Harry 1-6-1td, Saxon 1 (– 3).

Game 2 (September 8)
Minnesota 20, Atlanta 19
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (50,936)

Atlanta's offense netted 439 yards in their season home opener, but missed opportunities killed the birds as Atlanta dropped to 0-2. Joe Fishback's recovery of a fumble on a punt return by the Vikings resulted in a Brad Daluiso 23-yard FG to give Atlanta an early 3-0 lead. The Vikes wasted no time as Wade Wilson hit Cris Carter for a 25-yard touchdown and a 7-3 lead. Falcon K Brad Daluiso was wide right on his 26-year FG attempt, but QB Chris Miller hit TE Gary Wilkins on a 3-yard touchdown pass for a 10-7 halftime lead. RB Hershel Walker paved the way in the third quarter as Anthony Carter took a 14-yard run around right end for a 14-10 lead. Late in the third, Miller directed the Falcons down to the Minnesota 2-yard line before a run failed on fourth down. The Vikings answered with a 7 play, 93 yard touchdown, but had their extra point attempt blocked for a 20-10 lead. The birds did record a safety as Minnesota QB Wade Wilson ran out of the endzone. Miller hit WR George Thomas on a 20-yard touchdown pass to close the gap to one, but the onside kick attempted failed. Miller threw for 300 yards and a 67% completion rate, while Thomas had his first 100-yard game.

ATLANTA	3	7	0	9	—	19
Minnesota	7	0	7	6	—	20

Scoring

Atl — Daluiso 23 yard FG
Min — C. Carter 25 yard pass from Wilson (Reveiz kick)
Atl — Wilkins 3 yard pass from Miller (Dalusio kick)
Min — A. Carter 14 yard run (Reveiz kick)
Min — C. Carter 39 yard pass from Wilson (kick blocked)
Atl — Wilson out of endzone, safety
Atl — Thomas 20 yard pass from Miller (Daluiso kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Vikings
First Downs	23	17
Total Yards	439	290
Rushing Yardage	27/159	31/133
Passing Yards	280	157
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	41/27/1	18/13/1
Sacked/Yards	2/20	0/0
Penalties/Yards	8/86	1/10
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/1

Rushing

Falcons — Pegram 11-76, Jones 10-36, Miller 4-36, T. Johnson 1-6, Broussard 1-3.
Vikings — Walker 25-125, A. Carter 1-14-1td, A. Anderson 1-2, Wilson 3 (– 8).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 41-27-2td-1int. 300 yards, long 32
Vikings — Wilson 18-13-2td-1int., 157 yards, long 39

Receiving

Falcons — Thomas 7-128-1td, Pritchard 9-82, Jones 3-42, Rison 4-25, Haynes 2-25, Wilkins 1-3-1td, Broussard 1 (– 5).
Vikings — C. Carter 4-84-2td, A. Carter 4-28, Jordan 3-43, Walker 2-2.

Game 3 (September 15)
Atlanta 13, San Diego 10
Jack Murphy Stadium (44,804)

Atlanta registered its first win in 1991 with a road victory over the 0-2 Chargers and in so doing broke a string of 19 consecutive losses on the road. RB Steve Broussard broke the 100 yard rushing barrier for the first time with 20 carries for 101 yards. On the Falcons' second possession of the first quarter, Miller completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to rookie WR Mike Pritchard, his first NFL career touchdown. The birds' opening possession of the second quarter saw K Norm Johnson put the Falcons up by 10 with a 28 yard FG. San Diego got onto the scoreboard when Charger QB John Friesz completed a 15-yard touchdown pass to WR Anthony Miller before halftime. Although Norm Johnson fell short on a 53-yard attempt early in the fourth quarter, Johnson was good from 36 yards in the third to give the birds a 13-7 lead. Charger K Carney hit a 39-yard FG midway through the fourth, but was wide left on a 47-yarder at the end of regulation to give the Falcons the win.

ATLANTA	7	3	3	0	—	13
San Diego	0	7	0	3	—	10

Scoring
Atl — Pritchard 14 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 28 yard FG
SD — Miller 15 yard pass from Friesz (Carney kick)
Atl — Johnson 36 yard FG
SD — Carney 39 yard FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Chargers
First Downs	18	13
Total Yardage	317	313
Rushing/Yardage	27/122	27/184
Passing Yardage	195	129
Sacked/Yards	1/3	1/7
Penalties/Yards	4/18	4/30
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/1

Rushing
Falcons — Broussard 20-101, Jones 3-12, Johnson 1-5, Miller 2-3, Pegram 1-1.
Chargers — Berstine 12-78, Butts 8-63, Jefferson 1-27, Harmon 5-16, Friesz 1-0.

Passing
Falcons — Miller 33-16-1td-1int., 198 yards, long 34.
Chargers — Friesz 22-13-1td, 136 yards, long 36.

Receiving
Falcons — Rison 7-95, Pritchard 3-34-1td, Haynes 2-31, Broussard 2-20, Johnson 1-13, Thomas 1-9.
Chargers — Harmon 3-41, Lewis 2-26, McEwen 3-24, Miller 2-19, Walker 1-14, Jefferson 2-12.

Game 4 (September 22)
Atlanta 21, LA Raiders 17
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (53,615)

A blitzing sack on Raider QB Jay Schroeder by CB Deion Sanders resulted in a fumble returned 18 yards by LB Jessie Tuggle for an early touchdown in the battle of the boys in black. The first half was predominantly a defensive battle until Raider QB Jay Schroeder hit TE Andrew Glover on a 4-yard touchdown pass to even the score. The offense picked up in the second half when a Miller pass was picked off on the first possession and turned into a touchdown four plays later on a Schroeder to Horton 5-yard pass. The Falcons answered back with a quick, three-play, 66-yard touchdown drive with Miller hitting RB Steve Broussard for the last 25 yards. The Falcons struck early in the fourth when Miller connected with WR Michael Haynes for a 46-yard touchdown. The Raiders were able to get a 49-yard FG from Raider K Jeff Jaeger, but a Tim McKyer interception in the endzone late in the fourth gave the Falcons their second consecutive win in 1991.

ATLANTA	7	0	7	7	—	21
LA Raiders	0	7	7	3	—	17

Scoring
Atl — Tuggle 18 yard fumble return (Johnson kick)
LA — Glover 4 yard pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick)
LA — Horton 5 yard pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick)
Atl — Broussard 25 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Haynes 46 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
LA — Jaeger 49 yard FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Raiders
First Downs	16	12
Total Yardage	320	159
Rushing/Yards	26/80	26/72
Passing Yardage	240	87
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	31/17/3	32/10/2
Sacked/Yards	1/2	3/29
Penalties/Yards	9/82	9/74
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1

Rushing
Falcons — Pegram 13-58, Miller 3-15, Broussard 5-7, Johnson 2-1, Jones 3 (– 1).
Raiders — Craig 14-24, Wilson 6-21, Smith 5-20, Schroeder 1-7.

Passing
Falcons — Miller 31-17-2td-3int., 242 yards, long 46.
Raiders — Schroeder 32-10-2td-2int., 116 yards, long 33.

Receiving
Falcons — Haynes 4-62-1td, Rison 4-50, Pritchard 2-40, Thomas 2-39, Broussard 1-25-1td, Wilkins 2-19, Collins 1-7.
Raiders — Fernandez 3-57, Brown 2-35, Horton 3-19-1td, Glover 1-4-1td, Craig 1-1.

Game 5 (September 29)
New Orleans 27, Atlanta 6
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (56,556)

The Falcons defense proved to be the only scoring threat to the undefeated Saints in this division battle. With the Saints leading 3-0 in the second quarter, Falcons LB Jessie Tuggle jarred loose a completed Hebert pass to TE John Tice which Ken Tippins picked up and ran 23 yards for a touchdown. But the fate of the Falcons showed in the missed extra point and the Falcons only led briefly when Hebert hit WR Floyd Turner on a 47-yard touchdown strike to give the Saints a 10-6 halftime lead. Atlanta's offense could not get on track as the birds registered 34 yards passing and 27 yards rushing in the second half. New Orleans scored on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Hebert to Turner once again, and K Morten Andersen added a 31-yard FG to end the third period scoring 20-6. Saints' RB Dalton Hilliard took a pitch around right end for 65 yards to conclude all scoring for the day.

ATLANTA.....	0	6	0	0	—	6
New Orleans.....	3	7	10	7	—	27

Scoring

NO — Andersen 23 yard FG
Atl — Tippins 23 yard fumble return (Johnson kick failed)
NO — Turner 47 yard pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)
NO — Turner 17 yard pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)
NO — Hillard 65 yard run (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	8	17
Total Yardage	162	367
Rushing/Yards	214/33	38/170
Passing Yardage	197	129
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	30/14/0	29/18/0
Sacked/Yards	5/34	0/0
Penalties/Yards	9/59	7/44
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	1/1

Rushing

Falcons — Miller 1-20, Rozier 4-16, Jones 1-5, Broussard 3-3, Pegram 4 (–2), Rison 1 (–9).
Saints — Hillard 5-76-1td, Fenerty 17-55, Heyward 10-22, Hebert 4-13, Jordan 2-4.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 30-14-0, 163 yards, long 37.
Saints — Hebert 29-18-0, 197 yards, long 47.

Receiving

Falcons — Pritchard 4-58, Thomas 3-54, Collins 1-21, Haynes 2-13, Rison 1-9, Jones 2-7, Johnson 1-1.
Saints — Turner 4-90-2td, Martin 3-36, Early 2-22, Tice 3-14, Hilliard 2-11, Fenerty 2-11, Brenner 1-7, Heyward 1-6.

Game 6 (October 13)
Atlanta 39, San Francisco 34
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (57,343)

The Falcons scored 14 in the first 4:45 as Miller connected on two touchdown passes (Haynes 27, Rison 7), then K Norm Johnson added a 29-yard FG to give the birds a 17-0 lead early in the second quarter. The 49ers got on the scoreboard as QB Steve Young went airborn from 6 yards out. Johnson added another field goal (43) for the Falcons before a 54-yard touchdown pass from Young to Taylor that saw the 49ers close the gap to 20-14 at half. SF came out blazing as Young once again hit a touchdown strike, this time to Jerry Rice for 57 yards. But the extra point attempt was blocked by S Brian Jordan and the game was tied at 20. Prime Time (Sanders) stepped the game up a notch as he took the following kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown and the lead. Steve Young had a 7-yard run that put the 49ers in front in the fourth quarter 34-33. But the Falcons K Norm Johnson hit on two FG's from 44 and 30 to give the Falcons a 39-34 lead. CB Tim McKyer picked off passes on the final two 49er possessions to secure a victory in Candlestick.

ATLANTA.....	14	6	13	6	—	39
San Francisco.....	0	14	13	7	—	34

Scoring

Atl — Haynes 27 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Rison 7 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 29 yard FG
SF — Young 6 yard run
Atl — Johnson 43 yard FG
SF — Taylor 54 yard pass from Young (Cofer kick)
SF — Rice 57 yard pass from Young (Kick blocked)
Atl — Sanders 100 yard kickoff return (Johnson kick)
SF — Sydney 5 yard run (Cofer kick)
Atl — Rison 1 yard pass from Miller (snap fumbled, no PAT)
SF — Young 7 yard run (Cofer kick)
Atl — Johnson 44 yard FG
Atl — Johnson 30 yard FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	49ers
First Downs	19	24
Total Yardage	368	437
Rushes/Yards	27/160	25/94
Passing Yardage	170	344
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	28/16/0	38/22/3
Sacked/Yards	0/0	1/5
Penalties/Yards	7/62	5/35
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	3/1

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 10-104, Pegram 10-35, Chaffey 3-11, Rozier 2-9, Miller 2-1.
49ers — Young 11-68-2, Henderson 7-12, Rathman 3-11, Carter 1-6, Syndey 3 (–3)-1.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 28-16-3tds, 208 yards, long 41.
49ers — Young 38-22-2tds-3int., 348 yards, long 54.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 6-69-2, Haynes 5-94-1, Pritchard 3-37, Colling 1-9, Pegram 1 (–1).
49ers — Rice 7-138-1, Taylor 3-80-1, Williams 3-46, Sydney 3-12, Sherrard 2-38, Rathman 2-13, Beach 1-20, Carter 1-1.

Game 7 (October 20)
Phoenix 16, Atlanta 10
Sun Devil Stadium (24,124)

Sporting a 3-3 record, the Birds went into Sun Devil Stadium to face the Phoenix Cardinals in near 100-degree heat. What Atlanta was hoping for seemed to take a turn for the worse as the Falcons fell prey to a different kind of bird. K Greg Davis put Phoenix on the board in their opening drive with a 29-yard FG. The Falcons quickly answered with a 21-yard touchdown pass from Miller to rookie WR Mike Pritchard. K Norm Johnson added to the lead by halftime with a 29-yard FG. Bad luck hurt the Falcons as they lost one touchdown in the first quarter to an "inadvertent whistle" and a second quarter touchdown (85-yard fumble return) to a replay reversal. The Falcons missed by inches of blocking a fourth quarter punt in their comeback attempt.

ATLANTA.....	7	3	0	0	—	10
Phoenix.....	3	0	10	3	—	16

Scoring

Phx — Davis 29 yard FG
Atl — Pritchard 21 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 29 yard FG
Phx — Hill 31 yard pass from Tupa (Davis kick)
Phx — Davis 51 yard FG
Phx — Davis 49 yard FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cardinals
First Downs	15	16
Total Yardage	318	266
Rushes/Yards	18/107	40/168
Passing Yardage	211	98
Sacked/Yards	2/9	4/41
Penalties/Yards	4/30	7/45
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/1

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 7-34, Chaffey 4-34, Rozier 5-30, Miller 2-9.
Cardinals: Johnson 25-83, Thompson 8-46, Tupa 6-32, Jones 1-7.

Passing

Falcons — 35-13,1td,4int., 220 yards, long 32.
Cardinals — Tupa 23-9-1td-1int., 139 yards, long 31.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 5-91, Pritchard 4-71-1, Haynes 2-35, Broussard 1-12, Phillips 1-11.
Cardinals — Hill 2-47-1, Proehl 2-43, Jones 3-31, Jorden 1-11, Johnson 1-7.

Game 8 (October 27)
Atlanta 31, LA Rams 14
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (50,187)

Atlanta scored its first rushing touchdown of 1991 when RB Pat Chaffey crossed the goal line from five yards out in the second quarter. QB Chris Miller had his second three-touchdown passing game as the Falcons cruised past the Rams in week 9. Miller and WR Michael Haynes, who had his first 100+ yards in receiving this season, combined on four receptions for 110 yards producing a 55-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter. Miller also connected with WR Floyd Dixon in the first with a 19-yard scoring toss and a 20-yarder to WR Andre Rison in the second. The Falcons only had to solicit the foot of K Norm Johnson once for a 44-yard FG. The Black Wave held Everett to 33% completion and just 92 yards.

ATLANTA.....	7	14	10	0	—	31
LA Rams.....	0	0	0	14	—	14

Scoring

Atl — Dixon 19 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Chaffey 5 yard run (Johnson kick)
Atl — Rison 20 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Haynes 55 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 44 yard FG
LA — Delpino 9 yard run (Zendehjas kick)
LA — Carter 18 yard pass from Pagel (Zendehjas kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	16	13
Total Yardage	399	209
Rushes/Yards	35/121	19/100
Passing Yardage	278	109
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	24/19/0	29/10/1
Sacked/Yards	1/4	1/1
Penalties/Yards	11/125	6/48
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 16-54, Chaffey 5-30-1, Miller 2-15, Pegram 10-14, Tolliver 2-8.
Rams — Delpino 8-56-1, Dupress 6-38, NcGee 2-4, Gary 1-3, Turner 1 (-1).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 19-14-3td, 237 yards, long 55; Tolliver 5-5-45, long 18.
Rams — Everett 27-9-1int., 92 yards, long 21; Pagel 2-1-18-1td, 18 yards, long 18.

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 4-110-1, Rison 5-75-1, Pritchard 5-53, Dixon 3-34-1, Broussard 2-10.
Rams — Ellard 3-46, Carter 2-26-1, Brown 1-21, Price 2-13, McGee 1-9, Delpino 1 (-5).

Game 9 (November 3)
Atlanta 17, San Francisco 14
Candlestick Park (51,259)

This hard hitting rivalry saw both teams lose their starting quarterbacks to injuries. Both backups became heros. Eventually, Big Ben III (44 yards) gave the Falcons their first sweep of the 49ers since 1980. A blocked FG attempt by NT Tory Epps in the first and two missed FG's in the second helped to curb the 49ers scoring. But a 97-yard touchdown pass (when Falcon DB's collided) from QB Steve Young to WR John Taylor gave SF a 7-0 halftime lead. QB Billy Joe Tolliver replaced an injured Chris Miller midway through the second quarter, and QB Steve Bono replaced injured Steve Young in the second half. Late in the third, Tolliver put together an 18-play, 75-yard touchdown drive that ended on a 3-yard reception to WR Andre Rison for the score and a 7-7 tie early in the fourth. A fumble recovery by the birds on a punt return set up a Norm Johnson FG with 2:39 in the fourth to give Atlanta a 10-7 lead. But "hero" QB Steve Bono hit John Taylor on a 30-yard scoring pass (on 3rd and 21) with 59 seconds remaining for what looked like a game winner. Tolliver hit WR Andre Rison on a key fourth and six with 21 seconds remaining to keep the birds alive. Two plays later, Tolliver let loose of a 44-yard Hail-Mary pass that was caught by Falcon WR Michael Haynes for the score, the victory, and the sweep.

ATLANTA.....	0	0	7	10	—	17
San Francisco.....	0	7	0	7	—	14

Scoring

SF — Taylor 97 yard pass from Young (Cofer kick)
Atl — Rison 3 yard pass from Tolliver (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 29 yard FG
SF — Taylor 30 yard pass from Bono (Cofer kick)
Atl — Haynes 44 yard pass from Tolliver (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	49ers
First Downs	11	19
Total Yardage	202	396
Rushes/Yards	30/75	29/129
Passing Yardage	127	267
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	31/12/1	35/20/2
Sacked/Yards	1/4	3/31
Penalties/Yards	4/47	10/60
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 16-55, Broussard 6-10, Chaffey 5-9, Tolliver 2-3, Pegram 1 (– 2).
49ers — Henderson 12-49, Young 5-34, Carter 4-25, Rathman 5-15, Bono 1-5, Sydney 2-1.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 9-1-1int, 11 yards, long 11; Tolliver 22-11-2td, 120 yards, long 44.
49ers — Young 19-11-1td-1int., 187 yards, long 97; Bono 16-9-1td,1int., 111 yards, long 30.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 7-62-1td, Haynes 1-44-1td, Pritchard 2-13, Thomas 1-6, Broussard 1-6.
49ers — Taylor 2-127-2td, Rice 6-44, Sydney 3-32, Carter 2-29, Sherrard 3-26, Henderson 1-17, Jones 1-12, Rathman 2-11.

Game 10 (November 10)
Washington 56, Atlanta 17
RFK Stadium (52,641)

Rain, gusty winds, and cold, coupled with six turnovers (3 int., 3 fumbles), and a lack of key personnel on the field, were just a few of the factors that lended itself to a loss that evened the Falcons at 5-5. After blocking Washington's punt attempt on their first possession, the birds added a Norm Johnson FG from 31 yards out to take a 3-0 advantage. But that was the only lead the Falcons saw as the Redskins first of six touchdown passes put them ahead to stay. The Falcons busted out of the gate in the second half cutting the deficit to 28-17 with two Tolliver passes for scores. Among the MIA's were Pro Bowl QB Chris Miller, Pro Bowl T Mike Kenn, Pro Bowl G Bill Fralic, and Pro Bowl CB Deion Sanders. Tolliver played with a cracked bone in his thumb from Friday's practice.

ATLANTA.....	3	0	14	0	—	17
Washington.....	7	21	7	21	—	56

Scoring

Atl — Johnson 31 yard FG
Wash — Orr 9 yard pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
Wash — Clark 61 yard pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
Wash — Rypien 4 yard run (Lohmiller kick)
Wash — Clark 19 yard pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
Atl — Haynes 75 yard pass from Tolliver (Johnson kick)
Atl — Rison 15 yard pass from Tolliver (Johnson kick)
Wash — Monk 19 yard pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
Wash — Clark 82 yard pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
Wash — Monk 64 yard pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
Wash — Collins 15 yard interception return (Lohmiller kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Redskins
First Downs	12	20
Total Yardage	271	559
Rushes/Yards	18/62	36/108
Passing Yardage	209	451
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	36/14/3	32/17/0
Sacked/Yards	5/34	0/0
Penalties/Yards	7/45	5/51
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	0/0

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 11-45, Broussard 3-14, Chaffey 3-3, Tolliver 1-0.
Redskins — Ervins 16-39, Byner 12-33, Riggs 6-29, Rypien 1-4, Monk 1-3.

Passing

Falcons — Tolliver 31-14-2td-1int., 243 yards, long 75; Favre 5-0-2int.
Redskins — Rypien 31-16-6td, 442 yards, long 82; Rutledge 1-1, 9 yards.

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 2-105-1td, Rison 7-72-1td, Pritchard 3-51, Rozier 2-15.
Redskins — Clark 4-203-3td, Monk 7-164,2td, Orr 2-46-1td, Sanders 13-29, Hobbs 1-9.

Game 11 (November 17)
Atlanta 43, Tampa Bay 7
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (41,274)

The Falcons started off on the right foot, and stayed with it as the birds buried the Buccaneers with an offense that generated 43 points and a defense that held Tampa in check allowing only seven points on the day. Atlanta went on a scoring spree in the second quarter when K Norm Johnson got the ball rolling with a 31-yard FG. A Deion Sanders interception led to RB Steve Broussard's 5-yard touchdown run. The Falcons' defense sacked QB Vinnie Testaverde in the endzone for a safety and QB Chris Miller hit WR Andre Rison on a 39-yard touchdown strike to increase the Falcon lead to 19-0. But the scoring was far from over as Miller connected with Rison on a 12-yard touchdown pass and after Sanders picked off his fourth interception of the season and returned it 31 yards, Miller hit Rison for his third touchdown, which left the score 33-0 and the most points ever scored in club history in one quarter. The Falcons added another FG and a 75-yard fumble return by DL Oliver Barnett to round out the scoring in the second half.

ATLANTA	0	33	3	7	—	43
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	7	—	7

Scoring

Atl — Johnson 31 yard FG
Atl — Broussard 5 yard run (Johnson kick)
Atl — Rison 39 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Rison 12 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Rison 15 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 49 yard FG
Atl — Barnett 75 yard fumble return (Johnson kick)
TB — Dawsey 4 yard pass from Carlson (Christie kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Buccaneers
First Downs	20	14
Total Yardage	358	249
Rushes/Yards	31/132	16/42
Passing Yardage	226	207
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	25/15/0	31/17/2
Sacked/Yards	1/10	4/28
Penalties/Yards	7/60	7/51
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	3/2

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 10-57-1, Pegram 12-29, Rozier 8-27, Miller 1-19.
Buccaneers — Cobb 11-20, Testaverde 2-19, Carlson 1-6, Wilson 1-2, Anderson 1 (–5).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 23-14-3td, 212 yards, long 39; Tolliver 2-1, 24 yards.
Buccaneers — Testaverde 16-6-2int., 71 yards, long 32; Carlson 15-11-1td, 164 yards, long 36.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 6-89-3td, Haynes 3-54, Phillips 2-46, Pritchard 2-26, Thomas 2-21.
Buccaneers — Carrier 6-104, Dawsey 6-84-1td, Hall 1-12, Anthony 1-12, Anderson 1-11, Wilson 1-8, Cobb 1-4.

Game 12 (November 24)
Atlanta 23, New Orleans 20
Louisiana Superdome (68,591)

On national TV, K Norm Johnson's foot lifted the Falcons over the division rival Saints in overtime to give the birds their first victory in the New Orleans Superdome since 1986. It was a defensive battle that saw the first points of the game come on a Norm Johnson FG of 25 yards midway through the second quarter. The Saints marched to score on RB Gill Fenerty's 2-yard touchdown run to make it 7-3 at the half. Saints K Morten Anderson tacked on a 39-yard FG to extend New Orleans' lead to seven, but an 80-yard touchdown pass from QB Chris Miller to WR Michael Haynes tied the score. The Saints added an Anderson FG and a McAfee score to lead 20-10 with 12:35 to go before the Falcons' offense kicked into gear. A Johnson FG from 27 yards away with 4:56 and an 18-yard pass from Miller to Haynes with 1:46 tied the score at the end of regulation. The Falcons were unable to produce anything with their first couple of possessions in overtime, while the Saints' Anderson was short on a 55-yard FG attempt. Miller, on the Falcons' 2-yard line, hit a streaking Michael Haynes down the sideline for 57 yards. Three plays later, Johnson was good from 50 yards to give the birds the win.

ATLANTA	0	3	7	10	3 — 23
New Orleans	0	7	6	7	0 — 20 OT

Scoring

Atl — Johnson 25 yard FG
NO — Fenerty 2 yard run (Anderson kick)
NO — Anderson 39 yard FG
Atl — Haynes 80 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
NO — Anderson 31 yard FG
NO — McAfee 1 yard run (Anderson kick)
Atl — Johnson 27 yard FG
Atl — Haynes 18 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 50 yard FG

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	13	20
Total Yardage	331	419
Rushes/Yards	28/91	43/164
Passing Yardage	240	255
Passes/Comp/Had Int	31/15/3	35/16/1
Sacked/Yards	4/20	0/0
Penalties/Yards	5/36	6/45
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/2

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 20-63, Pegram 4-11, Johnson 3-10, Miller 1-7.
Saints — McAfee 28-138-1, Fenerty 10-13-1, Jordan 4-13, Barnhardt 1-0.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 31-15-2td-3int., 260 yards, long 80.
Saints — Walsh 34-15-1int., 194 yards, long 30; Buck 1-1, 64 yards.

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 6-187-2, Rison 3-25, Johnson 1-13, Dixon 2-13, Pritchard 1-12, Thomas 1-8, Phillips 1-2.
Saints — Turner 5-115, Martin 6-84, Brenner 3-30, Jordan 1-14, Carroll 1-12.

Game 13 (December 1)
Atlanta 35, Green Bay 31
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (43,270)

Starting QB Chris Miller shook off the flu and a 103 degree temperature to complete 12-18 passes, 186 yards, and two touchdowns in the second half to assure the birds of their third straight win. Tomczak hit WR Sterling Sharpe for a 4-yard TD to tie the game and RB Darrell Thompson scored on a 40-yard run that gave the Pack a 14-7 advantage. Two plays after an interception, WR Perry Kemp scored on a 13-yard pass from Tomczak to give Green Bay a 21-7 halftime lead. The Falcons took the second half kickoff 85 yards in 14 plays when RB Steve Broussard scored from three yards out to cut into Green Bay's lead. Mike Tomczak opened the final quarter with a 20-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Sharpe. Miller retaliated with his own 20-yarder to WR Andre Rison to keep the Falcons within seven points. Special teams player Elbert Shelley shook the ball loose on the following kickoff that Falcon teammate Joe Fishback picked up and ran in for the score and a tie at 28 apiece. Green Bay scored on a 27-yard FG with 3:21 left. Two false start penalties nullified two Falcon FG's and the Falcons were unsuccessful on fourth and 16. With 1:46 to play, the Falcons tackled the punter at the 41. Miller hit WR Andre Rison for 16 yards and his second touchdown, with 41 seconds remaining, sealing the come-from-behind victory for Atlanta.

ATLANTA.....	7	0	7	21	—	35
Green Bay.....	7	14	0	10	—	31

Scoring

Atl — Pegram 4 yard run (Johnson kick)
GB — Sharpe 4 yard pass from Tomzcak (Jacke kick)
GB — Thompson 40 yard run (Jacke kick)
GB — Kemp 13 yard pass from Tomzcak (Jacke kick)
Atl — Broussard 3 yard run (Johnson kick)
GB — Sharpe 20 yard pass from Tomzcak (Jacke kick)
Atl — Rison 20 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Fishback 16 yard fumble return (Johnson kick)
GB — Jacke 27 yard FG
Atl — Rison 16 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Packers
First Downs	23	22
Total Yardage	393	352
Rushes/Yards	20/79	29/132
Passing Yardage	273	261
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	37/20/1	35/22/0
Sacked/Yards	2/8	3/15
Penalties/Yards	9/50	8/98
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	3/2

Rushing

Falcons — Pegram 9-34-1, Broussard 9-26, Miller 2-19.
Packers — Thompson 18-93-1, Workman 3-16, Tomzcak 3-12.

Passing

Falcons — Tolliver 19-8-1int., 95 yards, long 17; Miller 18-12-2td, 186 yards, long 28.
Packers — Tomzcak 35-22-3td, 276 yards, long 23.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 8-124-2td, Pritchard 4-60, Haynes 2-29, Thomas 3-29, Broussard 1-22, Bruce 1-11, Phillips 1-6.
Packers — Sharpe 7-98-2td, Kemp 5-86-1td, Harris 4-29, Affholter 2-26, Workman 2-18, Thompson 1-14, Woodside 1-5.

Game 14 (December 8)
Atlanta 31, LA Rams 14
Anaheim Stadium (35,315)

The Falcons completed their road sweep vs. the NFC West teams as RB Steve Broussard ran for two touchdowns and QB Chris Miller threw for two as the birds duplicated the score in their first meeting with the Rams. K Norm Johnson added a 21-yard FG on the Falcons' first possession and S Tracey Eaton helped set up Atlanta's 1-yard score by Broussard to give the birds a 10-0 first quarter lead. QB Jim Everett got the Rams on the board in the second with a six-yard touchdown pass to TE Pat Carter. But another one-yard touchdown run by Broussard and a six-yard touchdown pass from Miller to Rison gave the Falcons a 24-7 halftime lead. Atlanta finished its scoring for the day when Miller drove the offense 91 yards in 11 plays, hitting WR Michael Haynes on a 9-yard touchdown pass as the Falcons won their fourth straight. The Rams scored with under one minute left in regulation as sub QB Mike Pagel hit RB Ernie Thompson on a 13-yard touchdown pass.

ATLANTA.....	10	14	7	0	—	31
LA Rams.....	0	7	0	7	—	14

Scoring

Atl — Johnson 21 yard FG
Atl — Broussard 1 yard run (Johnson kick)
LA — Carter 6 yards pass from Everett (Zendejas kick)
Atl — Broussard 1 yard run (Johnson kick)
Atl — Rison 6 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Haynes 9 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
LA — Thompson 13 yard pass from Pagel (Zendejas kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	21	16
Total Yardage	359	274
Rushes/Yards	29/84	30/109
Passing Yardage	275	165
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	31/20/1	26/12/1
Sacked/Yards	0/0	3/32
Penalties/Yards	5/39	5/31
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1

Rushing

Falcons — Broussard 15-48-2, Miller 3-20, Pegram 7-16, Chaffey 1-3, Rozier 1 (–1), Tolliver 2 (–2).
Rams — Delpino 9-37, Dupree 9-31, Turner 3-21, Gray 8-20, Everett 1-0.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 28-19-2td-1int., 271 yards, long 52; Tolliver 3-1, 4 yards.
Rams — Everett 16-7-1td, 1int., 109 yards, long 54; Helton (punter) 1-1, 22 yards; Pagel 9-4-1td, 66 yards, long 22.

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 6-112-1td, Rison 6-67-1td, Pritchard 2-27, Dixon 2-25, Thomas 2-24, Broussard 2-20.
Rams — Anderson 3-83, Thompson 2-35-1td, Ellard 2-31, Cox 1-22, McGee 2-15, Carter 1-6-1td, Gary 1-5.

Game 15 (December 15)
Atlanta 26, Seattle 13
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (55,834)

The Falcons wrapped up their regular season home finale, as well as their final game in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium by defeating the Seahawks. Highlights were an interception return by CB Deion Sanders, a defensive safety on QB Kelley Stouffer and two touchdown passes from QB Chris Miller. S Brian Jordan sacked Seattle QB Kelley Stouffer in the endzone, K Norm Johnson added a 42-yard FG, and WR George Thomas was on the receiving end of a Chris Miller 4-yard touchdown pass to end the first half in favor of the birds 12-0. CB Tim McKyer's interception-then-lateral to Sanders resulted in a 55-yard touchdown in the third and a 30-yard touchdown pass from Miller to WR Michael Haynes in the fourth ended the Falcons scoring for the day. Seattle mustered two FG's of 43 yards in the third and scored late in the fourth on a 24-yard pass from QB Dave Krieg to WR Louis Clark. The Black Wave held the Seahawks to just 33 yards rushing, 2nd best ever.

ATLANTA	2	10	7	7	—	26
Seattle	0	0	3	10	—	13

Scoring

Sea — K. Stouffer sacked by B. Jordan for a Safety
Atl — N. Johnson 42 yard FG
Atl — G. Thomas 4 yard pass from C. Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — D. Sanders 55 yard interception return (Johnson kick)
Sea — J. Kasay 43 yard FG
Sea — J. Kasay 43 yard FG
Atl — M. Haynes 30 yard pass from C. Miller (Johnson kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Seahawks
First Downs	14	14
Total Yardage	271	235
Rushes/Yards	33/131	12/33
Passing Yardage	140	202
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	27/14/0	37/22/3
Sacked/Yards	2/20	5/29
Penalties/Yards	7/59	6/60
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/0

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 11-49, Broussard 9-41, Miller 4-24, Pegram 6-15, Chaffey 1-5, Tolliver 2 (-3).
Seahawks — Jones 6-19, Williams 5-16. Krieg 1 (-2).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 27-14-2td, 160 yards, long 30.
Seahawks — Stouffer 2-0-1int.; Krieg 35-22-1td-2int., 231 yards, long 26.

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 4-60-1, Thomas 4-39-1, Rison 3-35, Pritchard 2-17, Dixon 1-9.
Seahawks — Clark 4-61-1, Blades 3-35, McNeal 4-31, Jones 2-30, Kane 3-23, Thomas 2-20, Williams 2-17, Daniels 2-14.

Game 16 (December 22)
Dallas 31, Atlanta 27
Texas Stadium (60,962)

QB Chris Miller's apparent touchdown pass to CB/Receiver Deion Sanders with 11 seconds remaining was nullified as was the Falcons second division title in club history. Dallas scored quickly as QB Steve Beuerlein hit WR Michael Irvin for a 58-yard touchdown pass. Miller responded with a 67-yard touchdown toss to WR Michael Haynes. Cowboy RB Emmitt Smith scored his first of two touchdowns on the day with a 4-yard run, but Falcon LB Ken Tippins picked off a Beuerlein pass that set up the Miller to Rison touchdown pass and a 14-14 tie. Alexander Wright returned the following kickoff 102 yards for the score and a Cowboy lead. Dallas K Kevin Willis extended the lead with a 20-yard FG at the start of the second quarter. A Norm Johnson 25-yard FG in the second and a 29-yard FG at the start of the third brought the birds within four points. Miller put Atlanta in the lead on a 43-yard touchdown pass to Haynes, his second on the day. Dallas answered after an 18-yard punt to the 31 to start the fourth with Smith's second touchdown on the day, a 6-yard score. The Falcons recovered a Cowboy fumble with 1:54 remaining and marched down the field effortlessly to the 16 with 14 ticks left. On second and 10, Sanders caught the ball in the endzone, but an official ruled Sanders had gone out of bounds at the three and come back in.

ATLANTA	14	3	10	0	—	27
Dallas	21	3	0	7	—	31

Scoring

Dal — Irvin 58 yard pass from Beuerlein (Willis kick)
Atl — Haynes 67 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Dal — Smith 4 yard run (Willie kick)
Atl — Rison 28 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Dal — Wright 102 yard kickoff return (Willis kick)
Dal — Willis 20 yard FG
Atl — Johnson 25 yard FG
Atl — Johnson 29 yard FG
Atl — Haynes 43 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Dal — Smith 6 yard run (Willis kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	17	24
Total Yardage	403	391
Rushes/Yards	18/87	33/163
Passing Yardage	316	228
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	39/19/0	35/18/2
Sacked/Yards	29	0/0
Penalties/Yards	9/74	7/65
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/2

Rushing

Falcons — Pegram 12-58, Rozier 2-14, Miller 3-11, Johnson 1-4.
Cowboys — Smith 32-160-2, Johnson 1-3.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 39-19-3td, 325 yards, long 67.
Cowboys — Beuerlein 35-18-1td-2int., 228 yards, long 58.

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 5-148-2, Rison 6-74-1, Dixon 3-48, Pritchard 3-30, Sanders 1-17, Phillips 1-8.
Cowboys — Irvin 10-169-1, Johnston 4-23, Smith 1-13, Harper 1-9, Novacek 1-8, Agee 1-6.

NFC Playoffs
Atlanta 27, New Orleans 20
December 28, 1991
Louisiana Superdome, 68,794

The Falcons trailed early as New Orleans jumped out to a 10-0 lead. That first quarter saw the Saints hold the ball 11:45 to 3:15 for Atlanta. The Falcons came back as QB Chris Miller hit WR Andre Rison on a 24-yard touchdown toss to end an 80-yard drive with 5:14 in the half. K Norm Johnson tied it with a 44-yard FG with :41 left in the half, following a Sanders 22-yard punt return. Andersen's 35-yarder at the buzzer gave the Saints a 13-10 halftime lead. The Miller to Michael Haynes connection heated up in the second half as the two were good on a 20-yard touchdown pass in the third. A Dalton Hilliard one-yard run ended a 19-play, 80-yard drive to put the Saints back on top 20-17. Johnson tied it with a 36-yard FG with 7:36 left. Then, with 2:41 left, a short 7-yard hitch pass pattern to Haynes resulted in a foot race against the Saints secondary and a 61-yard touchdown, giving the Falcons a 27-20 lead. CB Tim McKyer picked off a pass at the Falcons 29, lateraled to Sanders for 31 yards, and then a forward lateral nullified a Joe Fishback touchdown with just :44 left for the first road playoff win in Falcon history.

Atlanta.....	**0**	**10**	**7**	**10**	**27**
New Orleans.....	**7**	**6**	**0**	**7**	**20**

NO — Turner 26 yard pass from Hebert (Anderson kick)
NO — Anderson 45 yard FG
Atl — Rison 24 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
Atl — Johnson 44 yard FG
NO — Anderson 35 yard FG
Atl — Haynes 20 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
NO — Hilliard 1 yard run (Anderson kick)
Atl — Johnson 36 yard FG
Atl — Haynes 61 yard pass from Miller (Johnson kick)

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	20	23
Total Yards	334	330
Rushes/Yards	22/79	22/65
Passing Yardage	255	265
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	30/18/1	44/26/2
Sacked/Yards	5/36	1/8
Penalties/Yards	6/48	5/49
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	2/1

Rushing

Falcons — Rozier 7-35, Pegram 11-26, Miller 4-18.
Saints — McAfee 14-49, Hebert 1-9, Hilliard 4-5-1, Jordan 3-2.

Passing

Falcons — Miller 30-18-3td, 1int., 291 yards, long 61t.
Saints — Hebert 44-26-1td-2int., 273 yards, long 26t.

Receiving

Falcons — Haynes 6-144-2, Pritchard 5-63, Rison 4-56-1, Thomas 1-19, Pegram 1-5, Dixon 1-4.
Saints — Martin 7-83, Turner 5-75-1, Early 5-41, Hilliard 5-33, Carroll 2-23, Tice 1-13, Jordan 1-5.

NFC Playoffs
Washington 24, Atlanta 7
January 3, 1992
RFK Stadium, 55,181

All-day rain, and 30 mile per hour winds, neutralized the Falcons Red Gun passing game and helped result in six turnovers. A scoreless first quarter saw the Falcons move into Redskin territory where they were intercepted at the 27. The Skins lone threat was a missed 47-yard FG. Washington scored and, when the Falcons fumbled at their own 39, the Redskins capitalized again for a 14-0 advantage. Atlanta drove 80 yards and scored with 52 seconds in the half to narrow it to 14-7. A 26-yard punt return to the Falcons 18 set up a Redskins FG and a 17-7 lead with 6:47 in the third. A Falcons' drive moved to the Washington 28, but a sack lost 10, then a third down pass was 1-yard shy, and a FG went wide right to end Atlanta's hopes for a rally. This ended up being the eventual Super Bowl Champion Redskins toughest playoff game.

Atlanta.....	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**7**
Washington.....	**0**	**14**	**3**	**7**	**24**

Wash — Ervins 17 yard run (Lohmiller kick)
Wash — Riggs 2 yard run (Lohmiller kick)
Atl. — Johnson 1 yard run (Johnson kick)
Wash — Lohmiller 24 yard FG
Wash — Riggs 1 yard run (Lohmiller kick)

	Falcons	Redskins
First Downs	12	22
Total Yards	193	332
Rushes/Yards	14/43	45/162
Passing Yardage	150	170
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/17/4	29/14/1
Sacked/Yards	4/28	0/0
Penalties/Yards	3/19	4/23
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	0/0

Rushing

Falcons — Johnson 8-33-1, Chaffey 3-8, Pegram 3-2.
Redskins — Ervins 23-104-1, Byner 14-57, Riggs 4-7-2, Monk 1 (−2), Rypien 3 (−4).

Passing

Falcons — Miller 32-17-4int., 178 yards, long 17.
Redskins — Rypien 28-14-1int., 170 yards, long 26.

Receiving

Falcons — Rison 7-62, Pritchard 5-56, Dixon 2-19, Haynes 1-15, Thomas 1-15, Phillips 1-11.
Redskins — Clark 6-64, Monk 3-45, Sanders 1-26, Ervins 3-24, Byner 1-11.

CLUB RECORDS

Team Records

Total Games Played: 386
Regular Season Record: 145-236-5 (26 seasons)
Playoff Games Played: 6
Playoff Record: 2-4
Most Games Won, Season: 12 in 1980 (all regular)
11 in 1991 (10 reg. - 1 play.)
10 in 1978 (9 reg. - 1 play.)
Best Winning Percentage, Overall Season: .706 in 1980 (12-5)
.643 in 1973 (9-5)
Best Winning Percentage, Regular Season: .750 in 1980 (12-4)
Fewest Games Won, Season: 1 in 1967 (.077-1-12-1)
Playoff Berths: 4 1978, 1980, 1982, 1991
Division Titles: 1 1980

CONSECUTIVES

Most Consecutive Wins
9 (1980)
7 (1973)
6 (Last 2 '85—1st 4 '86)
5 (1991 and 1978)

Most Consecutive Losses
11 (Last 7 '67—1st 4 '68)
9 (1st 9 played; 1984)

ATTENDANCE

Largest Attendance
Home - 60,022 (1-5-81 vs Dallas—Playoffs)
Away - 83,437 (11-26-67 at New Orleans Tulane Stadium)

SCORING

Most Points, Season
426 in 1981
405 in 1980
370 in 1983

Most Points, Game
62 vs Saints (7)
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
48 vs Bears (31)
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
47 vs Packers (41), OT
Nov. 27, 1983 (H)
47 vs. Oilers (27)
Sept. 9, 1990 (H)

Most Points, First Half
34 vs Detroit
Oct. 5, 1980 (H)
33 vs Tampa Bay
Nov. 17, 1991

Most Points, Second Half
38 vs Saints,
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)

Most Points, One Quarter
33 vs Tampa Bay (H)
Nov. 17, 1991 (2nd Qt)
31 vs Green Bay, (A)
Sept. 13, 1981 (4th Qt)

Most Points, Each Quarter
1st: 21 vs Houston
Sept. 23, 1984 (H)
21 vs. Houston
Sept. 9, 1990 (H)
2nd: 33 vs Tampa Bay (H)
Nov. 17, 1991
24 vs New Orleans,
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
24 vs Wash
Dec. 17, 1989 (H)
3rd: 24 vs New Orleans,
Oct. 19, 1980 (A)
4th: 31 vs Green Bay,
Sept. 13, 1981 (A)

Most Points, Both Teams, Game
90 Falcons (33) vs Steelers (59),
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)
88 Falcons (47) vs Packers (41),
Nov. 27, 1983 (H)
80 Falcons (35) vs. 49ers (45)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
79 Falcons (48) vs Bears (31),
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
79 Falcons (38) vs Lions (41),
Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

Most Points, Both Teams, By Quarter
1st: 34 Falcons (13) — Raiders (21)
Nov. 30, 1975 (A)
2nd: 41 Falcons (20) — Saints (21)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)
3rd: 35 Falcons (14) — Steelers (21)
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)
4th: 31 Falcons (24) — Eagles (7)
Nov. 11, 1973 (A)

Most Touchdowns, Season
52 in 1981
50 in 1980
46 in 1983

Most Touchdowns, Game
8 vs New Orleans
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
6 vs Chicago,
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
6 vs New Orleans,
Dec. 7, 1969 (H)
6 vs Houston,
Sept. 23, 1984 (H)

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game
12 Atlanta (5) vs Pittsburgh (7)
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

Most PAT's, Season
51 in 1981
46 in 1980
43 in 1983

Most PAT's, Game
8 vs New Orleans,
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
6 Three times

Most PAT's, Both Teams
11 Atlanta (5) vs. 49ers (6)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
10 Atlanta (6) vs Bears (4)
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
10 Atlanta (5) vs Packers (5)
Nov. 27, 1983 (A)
10 Atlanta (5) vs Lions (5)
Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

Most FG's, Season
26 in 1973 (38 att.)
24 in 1985 (31 att.)
23 in 1989 (32 att.)
23 in 1986 (36 att.)
21 in 1991 (26 att.)

Most FG's Made, Game
5 vs Los Angeles,
Nov. 4, 1973 (H)
5 vs Los Angeles,
Oct. 30, 1978 (H)

Most FG's Made, Both Teams
7 Atlanta (5) vs LA Rams (2)
Nov. 4, 1973 (H)
7 Atlanta (1) vs St. Louis (6)
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Most FG's Attempted, Game
6 vs San Francisco, (3 made)
Oct. 7, 1973 (H)

Most FG's Attempted, Both Teams
10 Atlanta (3) vs St. Louis (7)
Dec. 11, 1966 (H)

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs, Season
336 in 1980
325 in 1983
318 in 1981

Most First Downs, Game
35 vs New Orleans,
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most First Downs, Both Teams
59 Atlanta (35) vs New Orleans (24)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most First Downs, Rushing, Season
149 in 1985
149 in 1986
145 in 1980

Most First Downs, Rushing, Game
19 vs New Orleans
Oct. 24, 1971 (H)

Most First Downs, Passing, Season
190 in 1983
176 in 1981
173 in 1989
168 in 1990
166 in 1980

Most First Downs, Passing, Game
21 vs St. Louis,
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

Most First Downs, Penalty, Season
31 in 1978
27 in 1979
26 in 1981

Most First Downs, Penalty, Game
7 vs Cleveland,
Sept. 27, 1981 (A)

TOTAL YARDS

Most Net Yards Gained, Season
5,661 in 1981
5,650 in 1980
5,628 in 1983

Most Yards Gained, Game
563 vs St. Louis, (209-R, 354-P)
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Game, Both Teams
1,061 Atlanta (552) vs New Orleans (509)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most Total Plays, Season
1,144 in 1981
1,090 in 1985
1,086 in 1986

RUSHING

Most Yards Gained, Season
2,524 in 1986
2,466 in 1985
2,406 in 1980

Most Yards Gained, Game
297 vs L.A. Rams,
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game
476 Atlanta (169) vs Washington (307),
Nov. 3, 1985 (H)

Most Rushing Attempts, Season
582 in 1977
578 in 1986
559 in 1980
559 in 1985

Most Rushing Attempts, Game
58 vs Tampa Bay,
Nov. 27, 1977 (A)

Most Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game
105 Atlanta (43) vs Raiders (62)
Nov. 30, 1975 (A)

Best Rushing Average, Season
4.523 in 1969
4.520 in 1983
4.411 in 1985

Most TD's Rushing, Season
18 in 1973
17 in 1983
16 in 1984
16 in 1972

Most TD's Rushing, Game
5 vs San Diego,
Oct. 21, 1973 (A)

PASSING

Most Net Yards Passing, Season
3,700 in 1981
3,514 in 1989
3,461 in 1990
3,449 in 1991
3,404 in 1983

Most Net Yards Passing, Game
416 vs Pittsburgh
Nov. 15, 1981 (H)

Most Net Yards Passing, Both Teams, Game
807 Atlanta (365) vs San Francisco (442)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
722 Atlanta (378) vs St. Louis (344)
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)
722 Atlanta (346) vs Washington (376)
Dec. 17, 1989 (H)

Most Passing Attempts, Season
578 in 1989
563 in 1981
528 in 1990
507 in 1983
501 in 1987
500 in 1991

Most Passing Attempts, Game
66 vs Detroit, Dec. 24, 1989
(37 comp) (H)
56 vs L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982
(34 comp) (H)

Most Passing Attempts, Both Teams, Game
102 Atlanta (45) vs San Francisco (57)
Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

Most Passes Completed, Season
321 in 1983 (507 att.)
312 in 1989 (578 att.)
311 in 1981 (563 att.)
294 in 1984 (478 att.)

Most Passes Completed, Game
37 vs Detroit, Dec. 24, 1989
(66 att.) (H)
34 vs L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982
(56 att.) (H)

Most Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game
68 Atlanta (31) vs San Francisco (37)
Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

Best Completion Percentage, Season
64.0 in 1982
63.3 in 1983
61.5 in 1984

Most TD Passes, Season
31 in 1980
30 in 1981
30 in 1991
24 in 1983

Most TD Passes, Game
4 Seven times — Most recent
vs San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990

Most TD Passes, Both Teams, Game
10 Atlanta (4) vs San Francisco (6)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)
8 Atlanta (2) vs Washington (6)
Nov. 10, 1991 (A)
7 Atlanta (1) vs Cleveland (6)
Oct. 30, 1966 (H)
7 Atlanta (3) vs Pittsburgh (4)
Nov. 3, 1968 (A)
7 Atlanta (2) vs Pittsburgh (5)
Nov. 15, 1981 (H)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Season
32 in 1987 (501 att.)
31 in 1974 (355 att.)
29 in 1975 (388 att.)
26 in 1977 (297 att.)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game
6 vs L.A. Rams
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Both Teams, Game
8 Atlanta (3) vs Denver (5)
Nov. 23, 1975 (H)

Fewest Passes, Intercepted, Season
10 in 1983 (507 att.)
11 in 1982 (275 att.)
12 in 1989 (578 att.)
12 in 1973 (320 att.)
12 in 1969 (282 att.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season
70 in 1968 (527 yds.)
69 in 1985 (531 yds.)
67 in 1984 (496 yds.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Game
11 vs Cleveland
Nov. 18, 1984 (A)
11 vs St. Louis
Nov. 23, 1968 (A)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Game, Both Teams
17 Atlanta (8) vs Philadelphia (9)
Dec. 14, 1984 (H)

Fewest Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season
25 in 1982 (219 att.)
31 in 1991 (500 att.)
31 in 1971 (239 att.)
32 in 1975 (294 att.)

PUNTING

Highest Punting Average, Season
44.32 in 1968
43.69 in 1967
43.30 in 1966

Most Punts, Season
110 in 1978
106 in 1977
101 in 1976

Most Punts, Game
12 vs Washington
Dec. 10, 1978 (H)

PUNT RETURNS

Highest Punt Return Average, Season
12.5 in 1974
11.4 in 1982
10.7 in 1989
10.6 in 1983

Most Punt Returns, Season
60 in 1976
53 in 1980
51 in 1974
51 in 1977

Most Punt Returns, Game
8 vs Chicago
Oct. 13, 1974 (H)
8 vs San Francisco
Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Season
635 in 1974
536 in 1980
489 in 1983

Most Yards Gained, Game
137 vs New Orleans
Oct. 25, 1970 (H)

Most TD Returns, Season
2 in 1970

Most TD Returns, Game
1 Five Times, Most Recent
Oct. 28, 1990 vs Cincinnati (H)

KICKOFF RETURNS

Highest Kickoff Return Average, Season
25.03 in 1971
22.89 in 1981
21.89 in 1978

Most Kickoff Returns, Season
82 in 1966
73 in 1979
72 in 1985

Most Kickoff Returns, Game
10 vs Pittsburgh
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)
9 vs Washington
Nov. 10, 1991 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Season
1,737 in 1966
1,700 in 1987
1,509 in 1989
1,477 in 1971
1,471 in 1967

Most Yards Gained, Game
214 vs Houston
Oct. 25, 1987 (A)
209 vs Pittsburgh
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

Most TD Returns, Season
1 (1967, 1969, 1978, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1991)
(Last time - Sanders vs 49ers
Oct. 13, 1991)

TURNOVERS/TAKEAWAYS

Most Fumbles Had, Season
42 in 1972
42 in 1978
39 three times

Most Fumbles Lost, Season
24 in 1974
21 in 1973, 1976, 1984

Most Fumbles Had, Game
7 vs L.A. Rams
Sept. 28, 1969 (A)

Most Fumbles Lost, Game
5 vs New Orleans
Oct. 15, 1972 (A)
5 vs New Orleans
Oct. 10, 1976 (A)

Most Turnovers, Season
55 in 1974 (24 Fum., 31 Int.)
49 in 1987 (17 Fum., 32 Int.)
48 in 1975 (19 Fum., 29 Int.)
45 in 1976 (21 Fum., 24 Int.)

Most Fumbles by Opponents, Season
45 in 1978
43 in 1981
37 in 1969

Most Recoveries On Fumbles By Opponents, Season
27 in 1969
25 in 1978
22 in 1976 and 1977

Most Fumbles By Opponents, Game
5 Six Times

Most Takeaways, Season
48 in 1977
46 in 1969
46 in 1981

Most Interceptions, Season
26 in 1977
26 in 1980
25 in 1967, 1975, 1981
24 in 1968, 1976, 1988

Biggest Turnover Differential, Season
+23 in 1977 (48 Take, 25 Turn)
+16 in 1980 (42 Take, 26 Turn)
+15 in 1969 (46 Take, 31 Turn)

Biggest Turnover Deficit, Season
−26 in 1974 (29 Take, 55 Turn)
−22 in 1987 (27 Take, 49 Turn)
−12 in 1966 (32 Take, 44 Turn)
−12 in 1967 (27 Take, 39 Turn)

QUARTERBACK SACKS

Most Sacks, Season
47 in 1978
46 in 1980
42 in 1977 and 1985

Most Sack Yardage, Season
425 in 1978
396 in 1980
391 in 1977
389 in 1989

Most Sacks, Game
9 vs N.Y. Giants
Oct. 2, 1977

PENALTIES

Most Penalties, Season
130 in 1978 (1,083 yds.)
125 in 1985 (1,149 yds.)
125 in 1984 (1,011 yds.)
125 in 1990 (1,004 yds.)

Most Penalties, Game
17 vs San Francisco
Nov. 5, 1978 (A)
16 vs Cleveland
Nov. 8, 1987 (A)
16 vs Houston
Sept. 9, 1990 (H)

Fewest Penalties, Season
63 in 1969 (601 yds.)
63 in 1968 (659 yds.)
65 in 1973 (593 yds.)

Fewest Penalties, Game
1 Seven Times — Most Recent
vs Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1980

Most Yards, Penalties, Game
153 vs Green Bay, Dec. 26, 1972
(16 penalties) (H)

KEY NFL DATES IN '92

Fri./Sun., August 7-9 ..... Opening Preseason Weekend
Tuesday, August 25 ..... Cutdown to 60 players by 4 P.M.
Fri./Sun., August 28-30 ..... Final Preseason Weekend
Monday, August 31 ..... Cutdown to 47 players by 12 (noon)
Sun./Mon., September 6-7 ..... Regular Season Openers
Tuesday, October 13 ..... Trading Period Ends at 4 P.M.
Sat./Mon., December 26-28 ..... Final Regular Season Weekend

Defensive Bests

POINTS

Fewest Points Allowed, Season
129 in 1977

Fewest Points Allowed, Game
0 Seven Times—Most Recent
vs. New Orleans, 1982

Fewest TD's Allowed, Season
15 in 1977

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest First Downs, Season
170 in 1982
192 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Game
7 Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1971 (H)
7 vs. Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1974 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season
66 in 1982

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game
1 vs. L.A. Rams,
Sept. 18, 1977 (H)
1 vs. Dallas,
Dec. 30, 1990 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season
76 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game
0 vs. L.A. Rams,
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season
2,848 in 1982
3,242 in 1977

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game
78 vs. Tampa Bay (62-R, 16-P)
Nov. 27, 1977

Fewest Yards Rushing Per Attempt, Season
3.3 in 1990

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season
1,044 in 1982
1,357 in 1990
1,630 in 1980

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Game
29 vs. Houston,
Sept. 9, 1990 (H) (12 Att.)
33 vs. Seattle,
Dec. 15, 1991 (H) (12 Att.)

Fewest Rushing, Attempts, Game
11 vs. Detroit,
Sept. 18, 1983 (34 yards)
11 vs. Tampa Bay,
Dec. 2, 1990 (42 yards)
11 vs. Buffalo,
Dec. 18, 1983 (45 yards)

Fewest TDs Allowed, Rushing, Season
5 in 1977

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season
1,384 in 1977

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game
9 vs. St. Louis,
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest Passing Attempts, Game
8 vs. Green Bay, (3 Comp.),
Nov. 22, 1971 (H)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game
2 vs. St. Louis, (10 Att.),
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest TDs Allowed, Passing, Season
9 in 1971
9 in 1977

Club Records—The Fewest

POINTS

Fewest Points Scored, Season
111 in 1974
170 in 1968
172 in 1976

Fewest Points Scored, Game
0 17 Times—Most Recent
Oct. 9, 1988 vs LA Rams (H)

Fewest Points Scored, Game, Both Teams
3 Atlanta (0) vs Buffalo (3)
Oct. 16, 1977 (A)
7 Atlanta (7) vs San Francisco (0)
Oct. 9, 1977 (A)

Fewest Touchdowns, Season
12 in 1974
20 in 1968
20 in 1976
20 in 1977

Fewest PAT's, Season
12 in 1974
17 in 1968
19 in 1976

Fewest FG's, Season
4 in 1974
7 in 1967
9 in 1966, 1970, 1974

Fewest First Downs, Season
178 in 1968
178 in 1974

Fewest First Downs, Game
2 vs L.A. Rams
Sept. 23, 1973

Fewest First Downs, Game, Both Teams
14 Atlanta (5) vs Minnesota (9)
Dec. 21, 1969 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season
68 in 1967

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game
0 vs L.A. Rams
Dec. 1, 1974 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season
80 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game
0 vs Chicago
Nov. 24, 1985

Fewest First Downs, Penalty, Season
9 in 1968

TOTAL YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Season
2,800 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game
44 vs San Francisco
Oct. 23, 1976 (83-R, —39-P)

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Both Teams
252 Atlanta (155) vs San Francisco (97)
Nov. 6, 1977 (A)

RUSHING

Fewest Yards Gained, Season
1,155 in 1989
1,179 in 1982
1,303 in 1967

Fewest Yards Gained, Game
19 vs L.A. Rams
Dec. 1, 1974 (H)

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game
79 Atlanta (29) vs San Francisco (50)
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Season
309 in 1982
318 in 1989
333 in 1987
344 in 1967

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Game
14 vs. Dallas
Nov. 5, 1967 (A)
14 vs San Francisco
Oct. 14, 1990 (H)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game
37 Atlanta (18) vs San Francisco (19)
Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards, Season
1,307 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards, Game
(−39) vs San Francisco
Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Fewest Net Yards, Both Teams, Game
37 Atlanta (−39) vs San Francisco (76)
Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Season
275 in 1982 (176 Comp.)
282 in 1969 (149 Comp.)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Game
9 vs Chicago
Sept. 17, 1972 (A)
9 vs L.A. Rams
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)
9 vs L.A. Rams
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Both Teams, Game
21 Atlanta (9) vs Chicago (12)
Sept. 17, 1972 (A)

Fewest Passes Intercepted, Season
10 in 1983 (507 att.)

Fewest Passes Completed, Season
140 in 1977 (297 att.)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game
2 vs L.A. Rams
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)
2 vs L.A. Rams
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

Fewest Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game
10 Atlanta (6) vs Minnesota (4)
Dec. 21, 1969 (H)
10 Atlanta (6) vs Chicago (4)
Sept. 17, 1972
10 Atlanta (8) vs St. Louis (2)
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest Sacks Allowed, Season
25 in 1982
31 in 1971
31 in 1991

Fewest Touchdown Passes, Season
4 in 1974

PUNTING

Fewest Punts, Season
43 in 1982
60 in 1971

Fewest Punts, Game
1 Three times, Last Time vs Pittsburgh
Nov. 4, 1990 (A)

PENALTIES

Fewest Penalties, Season
63 in 1968 (659 yards)
63 in 1969 (601 yards)

Fewest Penalties, Game
1 Seven Times — Most Recent
Dec. 7, 1980 vs Philadelphia (A)

Fewest Yards Penalties, Season
593 in 1973 (65 penalties)

FUMBLES

Fewest Fumbles, Season
14 in 1982
19 in 1991
20 in 1967

Fewest Fumbles Lost, Season
9 in 1977
9 in 1980

LIONS THAT HAVE ROARED

Back in 1975, the Detriot Lions under Coach Rick Forzano had plenty of future NFL talent among the assistant coaches and players. No less than 14 of those men are still involved, including four who had gone on to become NFL Head Coaches. That group of assistant coaches included Head Coach Jerry Glanville (Oilers, now Falcons), Head Coach Joe Bugel (Cardinals), former Head Coach Raymond Berry (Patriots, now QB coach of Lions), and a back-up QB Sam Wyche (Cincinnati, now Tampa Bay). Also on the coaching staff were Fritz Shurmur (former Rams Def. Coordinator, now Cardinals), Jimmy Carr (now Falcons Def. Backs coach after seven other NFL teams before), and Floyd Reese (now Ast. GM of Oilers). Among the players on that 7-7 Lions team (besides Wyche above) that are coaching are Greg Landry (Bears Offensive Coordinator), Dick Jauron (Packers Defensive backs Coach), Charlie Sanders (Lions Receiver Coach), Charlie West (Patriots Defensive Backs), Mike Hennigan (Tennessee Tech Defensive Coordinator),Ed O'Neil (Rutgers Tight Ends/Special Teams), and Maurice Tyler (Falcons Fellowship, GA. High School). In addition, Jim Laslavic became a member of the media as a part of the Chargers radio team.

Opponents Game Bests

TEAM

Most Points Scored:	59 by L.A. Rams, Dec. 4, 1976 (A)
Points By Quarters:	1st: 24 Philadelphia, Oct. 8, 1967 (H) 2nd: 28 Minnesota, Sept. 14, 1968 (A) 28 St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978 (A) 28 Washington, Nov. 3, 1985 (H) 3rd: 21 Minnesota, Sept. 16, 1984 (A) 21 Washington, Dec. 17, 1989 (H) 21 Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1966 (H) 21 Green Bay, Oct. 6, 1968 (H) 21 Miami, Nov. 3, 1974 (A) 4th: 24 Los Angeles, Nov. 19, 1967 (H)
Most Yards Gained:	595 by Baltimore Colts, Nov. 12, 1967 (169-R, 426-P) (H)
Most Yards Rushing:	307 by Washington, (37 att.), Nov. 3, 1985 (H)
Most Rushing Attempts:	65 by Minnesota, (211 yds.), Nov. 9, 1975 (A)
Most TD's Rushing:	7 by L.A. Rams, Dec. 4, 1976 (A)
Most Net Yards Passing:	451 by Washington, Nov. 10, 1991 (A)
Most Pass Attempts:	57 by S.F. 49ers, (37 Comp.), Oct. 6, 1985 (A)
Most Pass Completions:	37 by S.F. 49ers, (57 att.), Oct. 6, 1985 (A)
Most TD Passes:	6 by Washington, Nov. 10, 1991 (A) 6 by San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990 (H) 6 by Cleveland Browns, Oct. 30, 1966 (H)
Most Had Intercepted:	6 by New Orleans Saints, Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
Most Punts:	11 by N.Y. Giants, Oct. 25, 1981 (A)
Most Punt Returns:	9 by S.F. 49ers, Oct. 29, 1972 (H)
Most Fair Catches:	6 by Minnesota, Nov. 28, 1971 (A)
Most Yards, Punt Returns:	219 by L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981 (A)
Most TD's, Punt Returns:	2 by L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981 (A)
Most Kickoff Returns:	9 by Detroit, Oct. 5, 1980 (H)
Most Kickoff Return Yards:	242 by San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973 (A)
Most Fumbles:	5 by Seven Teams (Most Recent by Saints, Sept. 11, 1988)
Most Fumbles Lost:	5 by New Orleans, Oct. 15, 1972 and Oct. 10, 1976 (A)
Most Penalties:	15 by Buffalo Bills, Dec. 18, 1983 (H)
Most Penalty Yards:	135 by L.A. Raiders, (11 pen.), Nov. 19, 1970 (H)

Individual Records

SCORING

Most Points, Career
558 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
288 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
282 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
246 William Andrews, 1979-86
240 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
236 Greg Davis, 1987-90
229 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
186 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
168 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
156 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
150 Lynn Cain, 1979-84

Most Points, Season
114 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
112 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
106 Greg Davis, 1990
102 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
101 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
95 Norm Johnson, 1991
94 Mick Luckhurst, 1983
91 Mick Luckhurst, 1984
82 Greg Davis, 1988
79 Bill Bell, 1972
78 Gerald Riggs, 1984
78 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
78 Bob Etter, 1969

Most Points, Game
18 Andre Rison vs Tampa Bay 11-17-91 (Home)
18 Gerald Riggs vs L.A. Rams 11-17-85 (Home)
18 Lynn Cain vs L.A. Rams 10-7-84 (Away)
18 William Andrews vs Buffalo 12-18-83 (Away)
18 William Andrews vs Green Bay 11-27-83 (Away)
18 William Andrews vs Denver 12-5-82 (Away)
18 Alfred Jenkins vs New Orleans 11-1-81 (Away)
18 Lynn Cain vs Oakland 10-14-79 (Away)
17 Greg Davis vs Houston 9-9-90 (Home)
15 Tim Mazzetti vs L.A. Rams 10-30-78 (Home)
15 Nick Mike-Mayer vs L.A. Rams 11-4-73 (Home)
15 Norm Johnson vs San Francisco 10-13-91 (Away)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring
68 Mick Luckhurst (1981-WK12, 1985)

Most Touchdowns, Career
48 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
41 William Andrews, 1979-86
40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
31 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
28 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
26 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
25 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
24 Art Malone, 1970-74
22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
22 Andre Rison, 1990-91
21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most Touchdowns, Season
13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
12 Andre Rison, 1991
12 William Andrews, 1981
11 William Andrews, 1983
11 Michael Haynes, 1991
10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
10 Andre Rison, 1990
9 Eddie Ray, 1973
9 Gerald Riggs, 1986

Most Touchdowns, Game
3 Eight times (see Most Points, Game)

Most Consecutive Games, TD Scored
4 Andre Rison, 1991
4 Gerald Riggs, 1986
4 Jim Mitchell, 1975
4 Dave Hampton, 1975

KICKING

Most PAT's Made, Career
213 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
105 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
94 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most PAT's Attempted, Career
216 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
108 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
104 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most PAT's Made, Season
51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
45 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
43 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Attempted, Season
51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
49 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
45 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Made, Game
8 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Saints 9-16-73 (Away)

Most PAT's Attempted, Game
8 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Saints 9-16-73 (Away)

Most Consecutive PAT's Made
134 Mick Luckhurst, 1983-present

Most FG's Made, Career
115 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
56 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
51 Greg Davis, 1987-90
45 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Attempted, Career
164 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
104 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
78 Greg Davis, 1987-90
68 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Made, Season
26 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
24 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
22 Greg Davis, 1990
21 Mick Luckhurst, 1981

Most FG's Attempted, Season
38 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
33 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
33 Greg Davis, 1990
31 Mick Luckhurst, 1985

Most FG's Made, Game
5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Rams 11-4-73 (Home)
5 Tim Mazzetti vs Rams 10-30-78 (Away)

Most FG's Attempted, Game
5 Mick Luckhurst vs Saints 12-22-85 (Away)
5 Mick Luckhurst vs Eagles 12-16-84 (Home)
5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Rams 11-4-73 (Home), vs Bears 9-26-76 (Away), vs Bears 10-23-77 (Away)
5 Tim Mazzetti vs Rams, 10-30-78 (Away) and vs Cardinals, 11-9-80 (Away)
5 Greg Davis vs Steelers, 11-4-90 (Away)

Most Consecutive FG's Made
17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984 (3), 1985 (1st 14)
15 Norm Johnson, 1991 (Wks. 5-16)

Best FG Percentage, Career (Min. 50)
.701 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-87
.662 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
.654 Greg Davis, 1987-90
.538 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77

Best FG Percentage, Season (Min. 20)
.826 Norm Johnson, 1991
.774 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
.772 Mick Luckhurst, 1983
.750 Paul McFadden, 1989
.740 Mick Luckhurst, 1984
.714 Mick Luckhurst, 1982
.703 Tim Mazzetti, 1980

RUSHING

Most Yards Gained, Career
6,631 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
5,986 William Andrews, 1979-86
3,490 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
2,662 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
2,313 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
2,250 Jim Butler, 1968-71
2,118 Art Malone, 1970-74
1,801 John Settle, 1987-90
1,612 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969
1,528 Bubba Bean, 1976-80
1,321 Harmon Wages, 1968-73

Most Yards Gained, Season
1,719 Gerald Riggs, 1985
1,567 William Andrews, 1983
1,486 Gerald Riggs, 1984
1,327 Gerald Riggs, 1986
1,308 William Andrews, 1980
1,301 William Andrews, 1981
1,024 John Settle, 1988
1,023 William Andrews, 1979
1,002 Dave Hampton, 1975
997 Dave Hampton, 1973
995 Dave Hampton, 1972

Most Yards Gained, Game
202 Gerald Riggs vs Saints 9-2-84 (Away) 35 Att.
197 Gerald Riggs vs Chiefs 12-8-85 (Away) 26 Att.
172 Gerald Riggs vs Miami 11-30-86 (Away) 33 Att.
167 William Andrews vs Saints 9-2-79 (Away) 30 Att.

161 William Andrews vs Miami
12-10-83 (Away) 21 Att.

(All 100 yard games listed under "Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most Rushing Attempts, Career

1,587 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
1,315 William Andrews, 1979-86
885 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
728 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
609 Jim Butler, 1968-71
603 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
532 Art Malone, 1970-74
430 John Settle, 1987-
428 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969
405 Bubba Bean, 1976-80
332 Harmon Wages, 1968-73

Most Rushing Attempts, Season

397 Gerald Riggs, 1985
353 Gerald Riggs, 1984
343 Gerald Riggs, 1986
331 William Andrews, 1983
289 William Andrews, 1981
265 William Andrews, 1980
263 Dave Hampton, 1973
250 Dave Hampton, 1975
247 Haskel Stanback, 1977
239 William Andrews, 1979

Most Rushing Attempts, Game

41 Gerald Riggs vs Rams
11-17-85 (Home) 123 yds.
39 Gerald Riggs vs Saints
12-22-85 (Away) 158 yds.
35 Gerald Riggs vs Saints
9-2-84 (Away) 202 yds.
35 Gerald Riggs vs Rams
10-12-86 (Home) 141 yds.
35 Lynn Cain vs Rams
10-7-84 (Away) 145 yds.

Most 100-Yard Games, Career

25 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
22 William Andrews, 1979-86
4 Dave Hampton, 1972-76

Most 100-Yard Games, Season

9 Gerald Riggs, 1985
7 William Andrews, 1983
7 William Andrews, 1980
6 Gerald Riggs, 1986
5 Gerald Riggs, 1984

Most TD's Rushing, Career

48 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
30 William Andrews, 1979-86
25 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79

Most TD's Rushing, Season

13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
10 William Andrews, 1981
10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
9 Gerald Riggs, 1986
7 William Andrews, 1983
7 John Settle, 1988

Most TD's Rushing, Game

3 Gerald Riggs vs Rams
11-17-85 (Home)
3 Lynn Cain vs Rams
10-7-84 (Away)

Most Consecutive Games, Rushing TD

4 Gerald Riggs, 1986
4 Dave Hampton, 1975

Highest Average Gain, Career (300 carries)

4.55 William Andrews, 1979-86
4.17 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
4.15 John Settle, 1987-
3.98 Art Malone, 1970-74
3.97 Harmon Wages, 1968-73
3.94 Dave Hampton, 1972-76

Highest Average Gain, Season (150 carries)

4.94 William Andrews, 1980
4.73 William Andrews, 1983
4.50 William Andrews, 1981
4.413 John Settle, 1988
4.411 Mike Rozier, 1990
4.330 Gerald Riggs, 1985
4.326 Dave Hampton, 1972
4.310 Gerald Riggs, 1987

Highest Average Gain, Game (10 carries)

10.40 Steve Broussard vs S.F.
10-13-91 (10-104)
10.20 John Settle vs N.O.
9-11-88 (10-102)
9.10 Art Malone vs S.F.
12-10-72 (10-91)
7.67 William Andrews vs Miami
12-10-83 (21-161)
7.58 Gerald Riggs vs Chiefs
12-8-85 (26-197)
7.47 Jim Butler vs 49ers
10-4-70 (17-127)

PASSING

Most Yards Gained Passing, Career

23,468 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
11,982 Chris Miller, 1987-

8,489 Bob Berry, 1968-72
5,538 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
4,275 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Yards Gained Passing, Season

3,830 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
3,544 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
3,459 Chris Miller, 1989
3,167 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
3,103 Chris Miller, 1991
2,735 Chris Miller, 1990
2,502 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
2,489 Steve Bartkowski, 1978
2,158 Bob Berry, 1972
2,158 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
2,133 Chris Miller, 1988
2,007 Dave Archer, 1986
2,005 Bob Berry, 1971

Most Yards Gained Passing, Game

416 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt. 11-15-81 (33-50)
378 Steve Bartkowski vs St. Louis 11-9-80 (31-47)
375 Steve Bartkowski vs Raiders 9-19-82 (36-54)

(All 300 yard games listed under "Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most Passes Attempted, Career

3,329 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
1,770 Chris Miller, 1987-
1,049 Bob Berry, 1968-72
904 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
647 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Passes Attempted, Season

533 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
526 Chris Miller, 1989
463 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
432 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
413 Chris Miller, 1991
388 Chris Miller, 1990
379 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
369 Steve Bartkowski, 1978

Most Passes Attempted, Game

66 Chris Miller vs Lions 12-24-89 (37 comp.)
56 Steve Bartkowski vs Raiders 9-19-82 (34 comp.)
50 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt. 11-15-81 (33 comp.)
49 Chris Miller vs Chicago 11-11-90 (28 comp.)
48 Steve Bartkowski vs Giants 10-25-81 (24 comp.)
47 Steve Bartkowski vs Cards 11-9-80 (31 comp.)
46 Erik Kramer vs Rams 10-18-87 (27 comp.)
44 Bob Berry vs Packers 9-27-70 (28 comp.)
44 Chris Miller vs Cardinals 10-22-89 (24 comp.)
44 Chris Miller vs. Saints 10-7-90 (23 comp.)

Most Passes Completed, Career

1,870 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
945 Chris Miller, 1987-
598 Bob Berry, 1968-72
435 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
331 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Most Passes Completed, Season

297 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
280 Chris Miller, 1989
274 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
257 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
222 Chris Miller, 1990
220 Chris Miller, 1991
203 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
187 Steve Bartkowski, 1978
184 Chris Miller, 1988

Most Passes Completed, Game

37 Chris Miller vs Lions 12-24-89
36 Steve Bartkowski vs Raiders 9-19-82 (56 Att.)
33 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt. 11-15-81 (50 Att.)
31 Steve Bartkowski vs Cards. 11-9-80 (47 Att.)
28 Bob Berry vs Packers 9-27-70 (44 Att.)
28 Steve Bartkowski vs 49ers 11-20-83 (39 Att.)
28 Chris Miller vs Bears 11-11-90 (49 Att.)
27 Erik Kramer vs Rams 10-18-87 (46 Att.)
27 Chris Miller vs Vikings 9-8-91 (41 Att.)

Most Consecutive Passes, Completed

10 Chris Miller vs Dallas 9-17-89
10 Steve Bartkowski vs Rams 10-7-84
10 Steve Bartkowski vs Houston 11-29-81

10 Randy Johnson vs Detroit (6) and Chicago (4) 11/9-16/69

Highest Completion Percentage, Career

57.0 Bob Berry, 1968-72
56.2 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
53.4 Chris Miller, 1987-
51.2 Dave Archer, 1984-87
49.3 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Highest Completion Percentage, Season

.673 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
.6343 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
.6336 Steve Bartkowski, 1982
.617 Turk Schonert, 1986
.602 Bob Berry, 1971

Highest Completion Percentage, Game (20 Att.)

.857 Steve Bartkowski vs Detroit 9-9-84 (24-28)
.826 Steve Bartkowski vs 49ers 9-25-83 (19-23)
.826 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt. 10-28-84 (19-23)
.792 Steve Bartkowski vs LA 9-19-82 (19-24)
.762 Bob Berry vs SF/GB 9-19-71 (16-21) 11-27-71 (16-21)

Best QB Rating, Career

78.8 Bob Berry, 1968-72
74.5 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
73.6 Chris Miller, 1987-
67.7 Bob Lee, 1973-74
64.6 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
62.9 Dave Archer, 1984-87

Best QB Rating, Season (Min. 100 Att.)

106.7 Bob Berry, 1969
97.6 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
92.8 Steve Bartkowski, 1985
89.7 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
88.0 Steve Bartkowski, 1980

Most TD Passes, Career

154 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
71 Chris Miller, 1987-
57 Bob Berry, 1968-72
34 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
18 Dave Archer, 1984-

Most TD Passes, Season

31 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
30 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
26 Chris Miller, 1991
22 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
17 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
17 Chris Miller, 1990
16 Bob Berry, 1970
16 Chris Miller, 1989

Most TD Passes, Game

4 Randy Johnson vs Bears 11-16-69
4 Steve Bartkowski vs Saints 10-19-80
4 Steve Bartkowski vs Cards. 10-18-81

Most Consecutive Games, TD Pass

14 Steve Bartkowski, 1980-81
13 Chris Miller, 1989-90
9 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
8 Steve Bartkowski, 1981

Most Consecutive Passes Without Interception

197 Steve Bartkowski, 1982-83
185 Chris Miller, 1989

Most Consecutive Games Without Interception

5 Steve Bartkowski, 1983

Lowest Interception Pct., Career

3.31 Chris Miller, 1987-
4.35 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
4.48 Dave Archer, 1984-87
4.74 Chris Miller, 1987-
5.34 Bob Berry, 1968-72
5.47 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Lowest Interception Pct., Season (150 Att.)

1.16 Steve Bartkowski, 1983 (5-432)
1.90 Chris Miller, 1989 (10-526)
1.98 Scott Hunter, 1977 (3-151)
3.06 David Archer, 1986 (9-294)

Most Interceptions, Career

141 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
65 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
62 Chris Miller, 1987-
56 Bob Berry, 1968-72

Most Interceptions, Season

23 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
21 Randy Johnson, 1966
21 Randy Johnson, 1967
20 Steve Bartkowski, 1979

Most Interceptions, Game

5 Kim McQuilken vs Vikings 11-9-75

RECEIVING

Most Passes Caught, Career
359 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
305 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
276 William Andrews, 1979-86
244 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
202 Stacey Bailey, 1982-89
188 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
186 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
181 Floyd Dixon, 1986-91
166 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
163 Andre Rison, 1990-
152 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most Passes Caught, Season
82 Andre Rison, 1990
81 Andre Rison, 1991
81 William Andrews, 1981
74 Wallace Francis, 1979
70 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
68 John Settle, 1988
67 Stacey Bailey, 1984
64 Billy Johnson, 1983
63 Charlie Brown, 1986
62 Billy Johnson, 1985
59 William Andrews, 1983
58 Shawn Collins, 1989

Most Passes Caught (3 Week Period)
30 Andre Rison (11, Sept. 23; 10 Oct. 7; 9 Oct. 14, 1990)

Most Passes Caught, Game
15 William Andrews vs Pitt. 11-15-81 (124 yds.)
13 William Andrews vs T. Bay 12-6-81 (98 yds.)
11 William Andrews vs G. Bay 12-26-82 (77 yds.)
11 Billy Johnson vs Saints 10-20-85 (153 yds.)
11 Andre Rison vs 49ers 9-23-90 (128 yards)
10 Wallace Francis vs Rams 12-9-79 (108 yds.)
10 John Settle vs Chargers 11-13-88 (106 yds.)
10 Andre Rison vs Saints 10-7-90 (154 yds.)

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Career
6,257 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
4,348 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
3,695 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
3,378 Stacey Bailey, 1982-89
3,010 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
2,668 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
2,645 William Andrews, 1979-86
2,487 Floyd Dixon, 1986-91
2,480 Michael Haynes, 1988-
2,184 Andre Rison, 1990
2,062 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
1,433 Charlie Brown, 1985-87
1,384 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Season
1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
1,208 Andre Rison, 1990
1,138 Stacey Bailey, 1984
1,122 Michael Haynes, 1991
1,025 Alfred Jenkins, 1980
1,013 Wallace Francis, 1979
976 Andre Rison, 1991
918 Charlie Brown, 1986
881 Stacey Bailey, 1983
862 Shawn Collins, 1989
862 Wallace Francis, 1980
858 Alfred Jenkins, 1979
834 Paul Flatley, 1969
830 Billy Johnson, 1985

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Game
193 Alfred Jackson vs S.F. 12-2-84 (11 catches)
190 Michael Haynes vs Redskins 12-17-89 (6 catches)
190 Ken Burrow vs Det. 10-3-71 (6 catches)
190 Ken Burrow vs Saints 12-19-71 (8 catches)
187 Michael Haynes vs New Orleans 11-24-91 (6 catches)
179 Alfred Jenkins vs Saints 11-1-81 (5 catches)

(All 100-yard games listed under "Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most 100 Yard Receiving Games, Season
5 Michael Haynes, 1991
5 Andre Rison, 1990

Most TD Passes Received, Career
40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
28 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
27 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
22 Andre Rison, 1990-
22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most TD Passes Received, Season
13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
12 Andre Rison, 1991
11 Michael Haynes, 1991
10 Andre Rison, 1990

8 Wallace Francis, 1979
7 Ken Burrow, 1973

Most TD Passes Received, Game
3 Andre Rison vs Tampa Bay 11-17-91
3 Alfred Jenkins vs Saints 11-1-81

Highest Per Catch Average, Season (Min. 40 Catches)
22.4 Michael Haynes (50) 1991
19.4 Alfred Jenkins (70) 1981
18.0 Alfred Jenkins (57) 1980
17.3 Alfred Jenkins (41) 1976
17.2 Alfred Jenkins (50) 1979

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Yards On Returns, Career
2,152 Deion Sanders, 1989-
1,989 Ron Smith, 1966-67
1,934 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-88
1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71
1,655 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
1,239 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
1,147 Willie Belton, 1971-73
1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86
1,011 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
793 Dave Hampton, 1972-75
685 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80

Most Yards On Returns, Season
1,143 Reggie Smith, 1981
1,013 Ron Smith, 1966
976 Ron Smith, 1967
851 Deion Sanders, 1990
838 Cliff Austin, 1985
799 Jim Butler, 1968

Highest Average Return, Career (Min. 25)
24.26 Ron Smith, 1966-67
24.16 Jim Butler, 1968-71
24.07 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
23.62 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
23.41 Willie Belton, 1971-73
23.30 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-88

Highest Average Return, Season (Min. 25)
27.50 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-
26.48 Dennis Pearson, 1978
25.21 Willie Belton, 1971
25.03 Ron Smith, 1967
24.32 Reggie Smith, 1981
24.28 Gerald Tinker, 1974

Most Returns, Career
100 Deion Sanders, 1989-
83 Sylvester Stamps, 1984-88
82 Ron Smith, 1966-67
77 Jim Butler, 1968-71
72 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
55 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
50 Cliff Austin, 1984-86

Most Returns, Season
47 Reggie Smith, 1981
43 Ron Smith, 1966
39 Ron Smith, 1967
39 Cliff Austin, 1985
39 Deion Sanders, 1990
37 Jim Butler, 1968
35 Deion Sanders, 1989

Longest Kickoff Returns
100t Deion Sanders at S.Fran. 10-13-91
100t Dennis Pearson vs St. Louis 12-17-78
99t Ron Smith vs Baltimore 9-17-67
97t Sylvester Stamps vs S.Fran. 12-20-87
94t Cliff Austin vs New Orleans 10-20-85

PUNT RETURNS

Most Yards On Returns, Career
1,251 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
738 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
727 Deion Sanders, 1989-
540 Ray Brown, 1971-77
413 Al Dodd, 1973-74
366 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

Most Yards On Returns, Season
489 Billy Johnson, 1983
376 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
360 Ray Brown, 1973
352 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
344 Al Dodd, 1974

Most Yards On Returns, Game
116 Billy Johnson vs Jets 10-23-83
108 Al Dodd vs Chicago 10-13-74

Highest Average Return, Career (Min. 30)
11.80 Al Dodd, 1973-74
10.09 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
9.89 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

9.32 Deion Sanders, 1989-
9.03 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
8.85 Ray Brown, 1971-77

Highest Average Return, Season (Min. 20)
12.74 Al Dodd, 1974
12.22 Kenny Johnson, 1980
11.38 Billy Johnson, 1982
11.00 Deion Sanders, 1989
10.63 Billy Johnson, 1983
9.00 Ray Brown, 1973
Lew Barnes, 1988

Highest Average Return, Game (Min. 3)
31.0 Billy Johnson vs Raiders 11-21-82
26.0 Ray Brown vs Eagles 11-11-73

Most Returns, Career
124 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
110 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
78 Deion Sanders, 1989-
61 Ray Brown, 1971-77
47 Billy Ryckman, 1977-80
46 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Most Returns, Season
54 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
51 Rolland Lawrence, 1977
46 Billy Johnson, 1983
40 Ray Brown, 1973
34 Lew Barnes, 1988
33 Scott Woerner, 1981

Most Returns, Game
8 Rolland Lawrence vs S.F. 10-9-77

Most Touchdowns, Punt Returns
2 Deion Sanders, 1989, 1990
1 Tom McCauley, 1970
John Mallory, 1970
Gerald Tinker, 1974
Billy Johnson, 1983

Longest Punt Returns
79t Deion Sanders vs Cincinnati 10-28-90 (Home)
77t Tom McCauley vs N.O. 10-25-70 (Home)
75t John Mallory vs Minn. 12-20-70 (Home)
72t Gerald Tinker vs N.O. 9-29-74
71t Billy Johnson vs Jets 10-23-83
68t Deion Sanders vs Rams 9-10-89

Combined Return Yards, Career
2,958 Deion Sanders, 1989-
2,161 Ron Smith, 1966-67
2,016 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
1,942 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-88
1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71
1,423 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
1,419 Willie Belton, 1971-73
1,354 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
1,289 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
1,229 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-86

Most Combined Return Yards, Season
1,242 Reggie Smith, 1981
1,101 Deion Sanders, 1990
1,093 Ron Smith, 1966
1,068 Ron Smith, 1967
1,032 Deion Sanders, 1989
897 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
869 Willie Belton, 1971

Most Combined Returns, Career
182 Deion Sanders, 1989-
139 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
129 Billy Johnson, 1982-87
113 Ron Smith, 1966-67
112 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
95 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Most Combined Returns, Season
75 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
68 Deion Sanders, 1990
63 Deion Sanders, 1989
59 Ron Smith, 1967
59 Reggie Smith, 1981
58 Willie Belton, 1971
54 Ron Smith, 1966

COMBINED NET YARDS

(Rushing, Receiving, Returns)

Most Combined Yards, Career
8,702 William Andrews, 1979-86
8,363 Gerald Riggs, 1982-88
6,327 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
5,789 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
5,106 Dave Hampton, 1972-75
4,828 Jim Butler, 1968-71
4,549 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
3,702 Lynn Cain, 1979-84

3,572 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
3,569 Art Malone, 1970-74

Most Combined Yards, Season
2,176 William Andrews, 1983
2,037 William Andrews, 1981
1,986 Gerald Riggs, 1985
1,774 Dave Hampton, 1972
1,764 William Andrews, 1980
1,763 Gerald Riggs, 1984
1,594 John Settle, 1988
1,528 Dave Hampton, 1973
1,463 Gerald Riggs, 1986
1,420 Art Malone, 1972
1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
1,357 Jim Butler, 1969

PUNTING

Highest Punting Average, Career
42.6 Rick Donnelly, 1985-88
42.0 Scott Fulhage, 1989-
41.3 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
40.9 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84
40.8 John James, 1972-81

Highest Punting Average, Season (Min. 35)
44.32 Billy Lothridge, 1968
44.03 Rick Donnelly, 1987
43.86 Rick Donnelly, 1986
43.69 Billy Lothridge, 1967
43.63 Rick Donnelly, 1985
42.80 Scott Fulhage, 1991
42.77 John James, 1972

Highest Punting Average, Game (Min. 4)
52.1 Rick Donnelly vs Phila. 11-10-85

Most Punts, Career
873 John James, 1972-81
424 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
296 Rick Donnelly, 1985-88
235 Scott Fulhage, 1989-
167 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84

Most Punts, Season
109 John James, 1978
105 John James, 1977
101 John James, 1976
98 Rick Donnelly, 1988
96 John James, 1974
89 John James, 1975

Most Punts, Game
12 John James vs Wash. 12-10-78
11 Rick Donnelly vs Phil 10-30-88

Longest Punt
75 John James vs Oak. 11-30-75
72 John James vs N.O. 9-16-73
71 Rick Donnelly vs N.Y. Jets 11-9-86

Most Punts Inside 20, Season
28 John James, 1976
27 Rick Donnelly, 1988
26 John James, 1980
25 John James, 1978
24 Scott Fulhage, 1989

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Intercepted, Career
39 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-81
31 Ray Brown, 1971-77
29 Ken Reaves, 1966-74
27 Bobby Butler, 1981-
26 Scott Case, 1984-
20 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
17 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
16 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
14 Deion Sanders, 1989-
13 Ray Easterling, 1972-80
12 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
12 Greg Brezina, 1968-79

Most Passes Intercepted, Season
10 Scott Case, 1988
9 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
8 Ray Brown, 1974
7 Ken Reaves, 1967
Rolland Lawrence, 1977
Al Richardson, 1980
Tom Pridemore, 1981

Most Passes Intercepted, Game
2 35 times — Last time, Deion Sanders vs Seattle 12-15-91 (H)

Most Consecutive Games Pass Intercepted
4 Ken Reaves (3 games-70, 1-71)

Most Yards Interception Returns, Career
658 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
574 Ray Brown, 1971-77
439 Ken Reaves, 1966-73
372 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
324 Deion Sanders, 1989-
252 Scott Case, 1984-
246 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

227 Bobby Butler, 1981-
203 Rick Byas, 1974-80
197 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
186 Al Richardson, 1980-85
182 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76

Most Yards Interception Returns, Season

221 Tom Pridemore, 1981
164 Ray Brown, 1974
163 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
153 Ken Reaves, 1967
153 Deion Sanders, 1990
139 Al Richardson, 1980

Most Yards Interception Returns, Game

101 Tom Pridemore vs S.F.
9-20-81 (1 int.)

Most Interceptions For TD's, Career

3 Deion Sanders, 1989-
2 Ray Brown, 1971-77
Tom Hayes, 1971-75
Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
Robert Pennywell, 1977-80
Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

Most Interceptions For TD's, Season

2 Tom Hayes, 1973
Kenny Johnson, 1983
Deion Sanders, 1990

Most Interceptions For TD's, Game

2 Kenny Johnson vs GB
11-27-83 (26 and 31)

Deion Sanders is the club record holder with three career interception returns for TD's.

SERVICE

Most Seasons Played
18 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
14 Mike Kenn (1978-present)
11 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
11 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
11 Bobby Butler (1981-present)
10 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
10 John James (1972-81)
10 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)

Most Games Played
246 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
204 Mike Kenn (1978-present)
155 Jim Mitchell (1969-1979)
155 Greg Brezina (1968-79)
154 Bobby Butler (1981-present)
148 John James (1972-81)
133 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
127 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
123 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
123 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)
122 John Rade (1983-present)
119 Scott Case (1984-present)

Most Games Started
225 Jeff Van Note
204 Mike Kenn
133 Tommy Nobis
127 Claude Humphrey
126 Bobby Butler

Most Consecutive Games Played
155 Jeff Van Note (1976-86)
112 Ken Reaves (1966-73)
107 Buddy Curry (1980-87)
100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)

Most Consecutive Games Started
112 Jeff Van Note (1970-84)
100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)
90 Mike Kenn (1978-Week 2, 1984)
86 Jim Mitchell (Week 5, 1971-Week 6, 1977)
79 Buddy Curry (1980-Week 6, 1985)
78 Tom Pridemore (Week 12, 1979-1984)

Most Pro Bowl Appearances
6 Claude Humphrey (1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77)
6 Jeff Van Note (1974, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82)
5 Tommy Nobis (1966, 67, 68, 70, 72)
5 Mike Kenn (1980, 81, 82, 83, 84)
4 Bill Fralic (1986-89)

Most Consecutive Pro Bowl Appearances
5 Claude Humphrey (1970-74)
5 Mike Kenn (1980-84)
4 William Andrews (1980-83)
4 Jeff Van Note (1979-82)
4 Bill Fralic (1986-89)

Comparison of Domed Stadiums

Facility	Number of Seats
Silverdome, Pontiac	80,500
Georgia Dome	71,594
Superdome, New Orleans	69,054
Kingdome, Seattle	64,984
Astrodome, Houston	60,502
Metrodome, Minneapolis	63,000
Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis	60,129
B.C. Place Stadium, Vancouver	60,000
SkyDome, Toronto	60,000
Florida Suncoast Dome, St. Petersburg	50,000

CONSECUTIVE STREAKS

SCORING

Most Consecutive Games, Scoring
68 Mick Luckhurst
(Week 1 - 1981 - through Week 11 - 1985)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring TD
4 Jim Mitchell, 1975 (3 receiving, 1 fumble ret.)
4 Dave Hampton, 1975 (3 rushing, 1 receiving)
4 Gerald Riggs, 1986 (all rushing)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Pass
14 Steve Bartkowski
(Week 7, 1980 - Week 4, 1981)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Catch
4 Andre Rison, 1991
3 Five Times. Last by Andre Rison, 1990

KICKING

Most Consecutive PAT's
134 Mick Luckhurst
(1983-current)

Most Consecutive Games FG Made
8 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Consecutive Field Goals
17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984-85
15 Norm Johnson, 1991

RUSHING

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games
4 Gerald Riggs, 1985
3 William Andrews, 1983
3 Gerald Riggs, 1986

RECEIVING

Most Consecutive Games With Reception
103 Alfred Jenkins
(1975-1983)

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games
4 Andre Rison, 1990
(Sept. 23 11-128, Oct. 7, 10-154, Oct. 14, 9-172, Oct. 21, 5-161
3 Stacey Bailey, 1983
(Oct. 2, 7-106, Oct. 9, 7-109, Oct. 16, 6-106)

PASSING

Most Consecutive Passes Completed
10 Steve Bartkowski vs L.A. Rams 10-7-84
Steve Bartkowski vs Houston 11-29-81
Randy Johnson vs Detroit (6) 11-9-69 and Chicago (4) 11-16-69
Chris Miller vs Cowboys, 9-17-89

Most Consecutive Passes Without Interception
197 Steve Bartkowski
(1982-83)
185 Chris Miller
(1989)

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Consecutive Games Pass Intercepted
4 Ken Reaves
(Last 3-1970-Opener-1971)

Back-to-Back TD's

When Sylvester Stamps of the Falcons and Joe Cribbs of the 49ers returned kickoffs for touchdowns back-to-back in 1987, it marked only the third time in NFL history that feat was accomplished. The first was in 1951 (Buddy Young - N.Y. Yankees and Emlen Tunnell - N.Y. Giants), the last was in 1973 (Don Shy - St. Louis and Herb Mul-key - Washington). Falcon assistants in '87, Jim Hanifan and Rod Dowhower, were both St. Louis assistants at that time, meaning they've seen two of the three historical achievements. Stamps return was 97 yards, third longest in Falcon history. Cribbs followed with a 92-yard return.

THE LAST TIME...

Punt Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Oct. 28, 1990, Deion Sanders vs. Bengals, 79 yards, Lee Johnson punted
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 22, 1987, Leo Lewis, Vikings, 78 yds., Rick Donnelly punted

Kickoff Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Oct. 13, 1991, Deion Sanders vs. 49ers, 100 yds., Mike Cofer KO
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 20, 1987, Joe Cribbs, 49ers, 92 yds., Mick Luckhurst KO

Pass Interception for Touchdown

By Falcons: Dec. 30, 1990, Deion Sanders vs. Cowboys, 61 yards, Babe Laufenberg passed
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 23, 1988, Carl Banks, Giants, 15 yds., Hugh Millen passed

Punt Was Blocked

By Falcons: Nov. 10, 1991, Tracey Eaton vs. Redskins, Kelly Goodburn punted
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 19, 1989, Brian Forde, Saints, out of endzone, Scott Fulhage punted

Field Goal was Blocked

By Falcons: Dec. 23, 1990, Mike Gann vs. Rams, Mike Lansford att. 19-yard FG
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 11, 1988, Alvin Wright, Rams, Greg Davis attempted 34 yd. FG

Extra Point Blocked

By Falcons: Oct. 13, 1991, Brian Jordan vs. 49ers
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 12, 1982, Lawrence Taylor vs. N.Y. Giants

Fumble Returned for Touchdown

By Falcons: Nov. 17, 1991, Oliver Barnett vs. Bucs, 75 yds., Jeff Carlson fumbled
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 4, 1988, George Jamison, Lions, 4 yds., Aubrey Matthews fumbled

Extra Point Missed

By Falcons: Sept. 9, 1991, Norm Johnson vs. Saints
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 11, 1990, Kevin Butler, Bears

Safety Scored

By Falcons: Dec. 15, 1991, Brian Jordan sacked Stouffer (Seattle) in endzone
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 23, 1990, Chris Miller vs. S.F. stepped out of endzone.

Shutout was Scored

By Falcons: Nov. 6, 1988, Falcons 20, Packers 0 (Atlanta, Week 10)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 9, 1988, Rams 33, Falcons 0 (Atlanta, Week 6)

Three Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: Dec. 28, 1991, Chris Miller vs. Saints (playoffs) (18-30-291 yds.)
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 18, 1990, Randall Cunningham, Eagles, (16-27-214 yds.)

Four Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: Oct. 18, 1981, Steve Bartkowski vs. Cardinals (18-32-288 yds.)
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 9, 1990, Warren Moon, Oilers, (31-52-397 yds.)

Six Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 10, 1991, Mark Rypien, Wash., (16-31-442 yds.)

300 Yards Passing

By Falcons: Dec. 22, 1991, Chris Miller vs. Cowboys, 325 yds. (19-39)
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 2, 1990, Vinny Testaverde, Buccaneers, 352 yards (17-33)

400 Yards Passing

By Falcons: Nov. 15, 1981, Steve Bartkowski vs. Steelers, 416 yds. (33-50)
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 10, 1991, Mark Rypien, Wash., 442 yds. (16-31)

Three Touchdowns Rushing

By Falcons: Nov. 17, 1985, Gerald Riggs vs. Rams
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 24, 1989, Barry Sanders, Lions

Three Touchdown Receptions

By Falcons: Nov. 17, 1991, Andre Rison vs. Tampa Bay
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 30, 1975, Cliff Branch, Raiders

Four Field Goals

By Falcons: Oct. 13, 1991, Norm Johnson vs. 49ers
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 8, 1989, Mike Lansford, Rams

Five or More Field Goals

By Falcons: Oct. 30, 1978, Tim Mazzetti vs. Rams (21, 37, 30, 26, 37)
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 10, 1989, Rich Karlis, Vikings (21, 39, 26, 29, 19)

Five Touchdown Passes

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 13, 1987, Steve DeBerg, Buccaneers, (24-34-333)

Four Touchdown Receptions

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 3, 1968, Roy Jefferson, Steelers

Five Touchdown Receptions

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 14, 1990, Jerry Rice, 49ers, (13-225)

200 Yards Rushing

By Falcons: Sept. 2, 1984, Gerald Riggs vs. Saints, 202 yds.
Vs. Falcons: NEVER

200 Yards Receiving

By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 14, 1990, Jerry Rice, 49ers, 225

Andre Rison spikes one of his three receiving TD's vs. Buccaneers last year.

Greatest Falcon Performances

RUSHING YARDAGE

202 — Gerald Riggs vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984, 35 attempts
197 — Gerald Riggs vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985, 26 attempts
172 — Gerald Riggs vs. Miami, Nov. 30, 1986, 33 attempts
167 — William Andrews vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 30 attempts
161 — William Andrews vs. Miami, Dec. 10, 1983, 21 attempts
161 — Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972, 29 attempts (AS)
158 — Gerald Riggs vs. New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1985, 39 attempts
158 — William Andrews vs. Buffalo, Dec. 17, 1983, 28 attempts (AS)
155 — Mike Rozier vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990, 21 attempts
150 — William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1983, 25 attempts (AS)
150 — William Andrews vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 32 attempts
145 — Lynn Cain vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984, 35 attempts
141 — Gerald Riggs vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 12, 1986, 35 attempts (AS)
139 — Gerald Riggs vs. Seattle, Oct. 13, 1985, 23 attempts
136 — Gerald Riggs vs. San Francisco, Sept. 30, 1984, 28 attempts
136 — Gerald Riggs vs. Indianapolis, Dec. 7, 1986, 30 attempts (AS)
135 — Dave Hampton vs. St. Louis, Sept. 21, 1975, 23 attempts
134 — Gerald Riggs vs. Washington, Nov. 5, 1984, 27 attempts
133 — Gerald Riggs vs. San Francisco, Dec. 2, 1984, 30 attempts (AS)
131 — Gerald Riggs vs. Detroit, Sept. 8, 1985, 31 attempts (AS)
131 — William Andrews vs. San Diego, Dec. 2, 1979, 21 attempts
129 — Gerald Riggs vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 10, 1985, 27 attempts
129 — William Andrews vs. Green Bay, Nov. 27, 1983, 20 attempts (AS)
129 — Haskel Stanback vs. New Orleans, Dec. 18, 1977, 22 attempts (AS)
129 — Gerald Riggs vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 28, 1986, 27 attempts
127 — Gerald Riggs vs. Washington, Nov. 3, 1985, 22 attempts (AS)
127 — Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, Oct. 27, 1985, 24 attempts
127 — Jim Butler vs. San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1970, 17 attempts (AS)
126 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983, 28 attempts
125 — William Andrews vs. New England, Oct. 30, 1983, 25 attempts (AS)
125 — John Settle vs. Denver, Oct. 16, 1988, 25 attempts
124 — William Andrews vs. New England, Sept. 14, 1980, 19 attempts
123 — Gerald Riggs vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 17, 1985, 41 attempts (AS)
123 — Lynn Cain vs. Minnesota, Sept. 7, 1980, 24 attempts
123 — Woody Thompson vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977, 24 attempts
121 — William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1979, 24 attempts
120 — Gerald Riggs vs. Washington, Sept. 20, 1987, 23 attempts (AS)
120 — Gerald Riggs vs. Houston, Sept. 23, 1984, 25 attempts (AS)
119 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 21, 1982, 21 attempts (AS)
119 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981, 21 attempts
119 — Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, Dec. 6, 1987, 30 attempts
117 — Junior Coffey vs. Cleveland, Oct. 30, 1966, 17 attempts (AS)
115 — William Andrews vs. St. Louis, Nov. 9, 1980, 20 attempts (AS)
115 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 14, 1981, 23 attempts
115 — Gerald Riggs vs. San Francisco, Sept. 18, 1988, 19 attempts
115 — John Settle vs. Seattle, Oct. 2, 1988, 21 attempts (AS)
115 — Mike Rozier vs. Tampa Bay, Dec. 2, 1990, 23 attempts
114 — Jim Butler vs. New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971, 20 attempts (AS)
113 — Gerald Riggs vs. Houston, Oct. 25, 1987, 21 attempts
112 — Gerald Riggs vs. Cincinnati, Nov. 15, 1987, 23 attempts (AS)
112 — Haskel Stanback vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 24, 1978, 23 attempts
111 — William Andrews vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 26, 1980, 20 attempts (AS)
111 — William Andrews vs. Washington, Nov. 30, 1980, 24 attempts (AS)
110 — Gerald Riggs vs. Chicago, Nov. 24, 1985, 30 attempts
109 — Gerald Riggs vs. Dallas, Sept. 21, 1986, 25 attempts
108 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Dec. 19, 1982, 24 attempts

108 — Gerald Riggs vs. St. Louis, Sept. 14, 1986, 29 attempts (AS)
107 — Sonny Collins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 14, 1976, 31 attempts
106 — Dave Hampton vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 26 attempts (AS)
105 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980, 18 attempts (AS)
104 — Bubba Bean vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 19, 1979, 17 attempts
104 — Cliff Austin vs. New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1986, 27 attempts
104 — STEVE BROUSSARD vs. San Francisco, Oct. 13, 1991, 10 attempts
103 — Art Malone vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 1, 1972, 18 attempts (AS)
102 — Lynn Cain vs. Detroit, Oct. 5, 1980, 21 attempts (AS)
102 — John Settle vs. New Orleans, Sept. 11, 1988, 10 attempts (AS)
102 — Mike Rozier vs. Rams, Dec. 23, 1990, 21 attempts
101 — William Andrews vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1980, 18 attempts
101 — William Andrews vs. Houston, Nov. 19, 1981, 25 attempts
101 — Dave Hampton vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975, 25 attempts (AS)
101 — STEVE BROUSSARD vs. San Diego, Sept. 15, 1991 (20 attempts)
100 — Sonny Collins vs. Seattle, Nov. 7, 1976, 17 attempts
100 — William Andrews vs. San Francisco, Sept. 28, 1980, 21 attempts

RECEIVING YARDAGE

193 — Alfred Jackson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 2, 1984, 11 receptions (AS)
190 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Washington, Dec. 17, 1989, 6 receptions (AS)
190 — Ken Burrow vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 6 receptions
190 — Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971, 8 receptions
187 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. New Orleans, Nov. 24, 1991, 6 receptions
179 — Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 1, 1981, 5 receptions
172 — ANDRE RISON vs. San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990, 9 receptions (AS)
169 — Stacey Bailey vs. Dallas, Sept. 25, 1988, 4 receptions
161 — ANDRE RISON vs. Los Angeles Rams, Oct. 21, 1990, 5 receptions
159 — Stacey Bailey vs. Washington, Dec. 4, 1983, 9 receptions
158 — Stacey Bailey vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984, 7 receptions
154 — ANDRE RISON vs. New Orleans, Oct. 7, 1990, 10 receptions (AS)
153 — Billy Johnson vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1985, 11 receptions (AS)
153 — Wallace Francis vs. New York Giants, Oct. 1, 1978, 7 receptions
152 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Washington, Sept. 25, 1977, 7 receptions
148 — Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980, 4 receptions (AS)
148 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Dallas, Dec. 22, 1991, 5 receptions
147 — Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 7 receptions (AS)
146 — Floyd Dixon vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1986, 8 receptions (AS)
144 — Alex Hawkins vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1966, 9 receptions
143 — Jim Mitchell vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 26, 1971, 4 receptions
140 — Stacey Bailey vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1984, 8 receptions (AS)
138 — Wallace Francis vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 8 receptions (AS)
136 — Billy Johnson vs. L.A. Raiders, Dec. 1, 1985, 6 receptions (AS)
136 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Cleveland, Sept. 27, 1981, 6 receptions
136 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Miami, Sept. 21, 1980, 4 receptions (AS)
134 — Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 8, 1981, 7 receptions
129 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 5 receptions (AS)
128 — GEORGE THOMAS vs. Minnesota, Sept. 8, 1991, 7 receptions (AS)
128 — ANDRE RISON vs. San Francisco, Sept. 23, 1990, 11 receptions
126 — SHAWN COLLINS vs. Green Bay, Oct. 1, 1989, 5 receptions
124 — ANDRE RISON vs. Green Bay, Dec. 1, 1991, 8 receptions (AS)
124 — Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 6 receptions
123 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 5 receptions
122 — Alfred Jenkins vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 5, 1972, 7 receptions
120 — Wes Chesson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 5, 1972, 7 receptions
120 — Paul Flatley vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1969, 4 receptions
119 — Charlie Brown vs. New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1986, 7 receptions
117 — Junior Miller vs. New England, Sept. 14, 1980, 8 receptions
115 — Aubrey Matthews vs. St. Louis, Nov. 29, 1987, 7 receptions (AS)
113 — Alfred Jackson vs. San Francisco, Oct. 22, 1978, 4 receptions

113 — Paul Flatley vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 28, 1969, 6 receptions
112 — Charlie Brown vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 6 receptions (AS)
112 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 8, 1991, 6 receptions (AS)
110 — Billy Johnson vs. Denver, Sept. 22, 1985, 7 receptions (AS)
110 — Paul Gibson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 22, 1970, 5 receptions (AS)
110 — Lynn Cain vs. Oakland, Oct. 24, 1979, 6 receptions
110 — Charlie Brown vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 28, 1986, 7 receptions
110 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 27, 1991, 4 receptions (AS)
109 — Stacey Bailey vs. New Orleans, Oct. 9, 1983, 7 receptions (AS)
109 — Milton Barney vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987, 6 receptions (AS)
109 — Jim Mitchell vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 1, 1974, 7 receptions (AS)
108 — Wallace Francis vs. L.A. Rams, Dec. 9, 1979, 10 receptions (AS)
108 — Billy Ryckman vs. Chicago, Nov. 19, 1978, 8 receptions
108 — Arthur Cox vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 4 receptions (AS)
106 — Stacey Bailey vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1983, 7 receptions (AS)
106 — Stacey Bailey vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 16, 1983, 6 receptions
106 — William Andrews vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982, 3 receptions
106 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975, 4 receptions
106 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 6 receptions (AS)
106 — John Settle vs. San Diego, Nov. 13, 1988, 10 receptions (AS)
105 — Floyd Dixon vs. Washington, Sept. 20, 1987, 5 receptions (AS)
105 — Alfred Jenkins vs. N.Y. Giants, Nov. 11, 1979, 6 receptions
105 — Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969, 3 receptions (AS)
105 — MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Washington, Nov. 10, 1991, 2 receptions
102 — Stacey Bailey vs. Minnesota, Sept. 16, 1984, 4 receptions
102 — Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 2, 1975, 4 receptions
102 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Houston, Nov. 28, 1976, 5 receptions
102 — Alfred Jenkins vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978, 5 receptions
101 — Paul Flatley vs. Baltimore, Oct. 5, 1969, 3 receptions
101 — Alfred Jenkins vs. Green Bay, Dec. 12, 1976, 6 receptions (AS)
101 — Alfred Jenkins vs. St. Louis, Oct. 18, 1981, 4 receptions
100 — ANDRE RISON vs. Cleveland, Dec. 16, 1990, 6 receptions

PASSING YARDAGE

416 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 15, 1981, 33 of 50 (AS)
378 — Steve Bartkowski vs. St. Louis, Nov. 9, 1980, 31 of 47
375 — Steve Bartkowski vs. L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982, 36 of 54 (AS)
372 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Houston, Nov. 29, 1981, 18 of 25
366 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 24 of 34
366 — CHRIS MILLER vs. New Orleans, Oct. 7, 1990, 23 of 44 (AS)
350 — Dave Archer vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 21 of 36 (AS)
340 — CHRIS MILLER vs. LA Rams, Oct. 8, 1989, 28 of 39
337 — CHRIS MILLER vs. San Francisco, Sept. 23, 1990, 25 of 41
335 — Erik Kramer vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987, 27 of 46 (AS)
334 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Detroit, Dec. 24, 1989, 37 of 66
332 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Miami, Sept. 21, 1980, 18 of 36 (AS)
326 — Steve Bartkowski vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 20 of 29 (AS)
325 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Dallas, Dec. 22, 1991, 19 of 39
313 — Steve Bartkowski vs. New York Jets, Oct. 23, 1983, 25 of 36
312 — Steve Bartkowski vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 22 of 38
311 — Steve Bartkowski vs. New York Giants, Oct. 25, 1981, 24 of 48 (AS)
310 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Washington, Dec. 17, 1989, 17 of 35
309 — Bob Berry vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 13 of 23
305 — Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 19 of 37 (AS)
303 — Mike Moroski vs. Green Bay, Nov. 27, 1983, 22 of 35 (AS)
302 — Bob Berry vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970, 28 of 44
301 — Bob Berry vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 26, 1971, 15 of 22
301 — Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1983, 28 of 39 (AS)
300 — CHRIS MILLER vs. Minnesota, Sept. 8, 1991, 27 of 41 (AS)

Longest Falcon Plays

Long Runs from Scrimmage (50 yards or more)

67 — Mike Rozier vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990 (AS)
t66 — Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
65 — Ernie Wheelwright vs. L.A. Rams, Sept. 11, 1966 (AS)
62 — John Settle vs. New Orleans, Sept. 11, 1988 (AS)
t60 — Jim Butler vs. Detroit, Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)
t60 — Bubba Bean vs. Tampa Bay, Nov. 4, 1979 (AS)
57 — Gerald Riggs vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984
56 — Dave Hampton vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
t55 — Haskel Stanback vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
50 — Gerald Riggs vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985
t50 — STEVE BROUSSARD vs. Cincinnati, Oct. 28, 1990 (AS)

Long Pass Completions (75 yards or more)

t88 — Bob Berry to Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
t86 — Steve Bartkowski to William Andrews vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982
84 — Bob Berry to Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971
t82 — Randy Johnson to Ray Ogden vs. San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)
t81 — Steve Bartkowski to Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980 (AS)
t80 — CHRIS MILLER to MICHAEL HAYNES vs. New Orleans, Nov. 24, 1991 (Q3)
t76 — Steve Bartkowski to Floyd Hodge vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983
t75 — Tom Moore to Tommy McDonald vs. Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)
t75 — CHRIS MILLER to ANDRE RISON vs. San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1990 (AS)
t75 — BILLY JOE TOLLIVER to MICHAEL HAYNES vs. Washington, Nov. 10, 1991 (Q3)

Long Punts (65 yards or more)

75 — John James vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
72 — John James vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
71 — Rick Donnelly vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986
70 — Billy Lothridge vs. Cleveland, Oct. 27, 1968
68 — Rick Donnelly vs. Washington, Nov. 3, 1985 (AS)
68 — Rick Donnelly vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1986 (AS)
67 — John James vs. New Orleans, Oct. 31, 1976 (AS)
65 — Rick Donnelly vs. Chicago, Nov. 16, 1986 (AS)
65 — SCOTT FULHAGE vs. New England, Oct. 15, 1989

Long Field Goals (50 yards or more)

54 — Paul McFadden vs. Buffalo, Nov. 5, 1989
53 — Greg Davis vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 18, 1990 (AS)
52 — Greg Davis vs. Green Bay, Nov. 6, 1988 (AS)
52 — Mick Luckhurst vs. Seattle, Oct. 13, 1985
52 — Mick Luckhurst vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984
52 — Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1973
51 — Mick Luckhurst vs. Detroit, Sept. 9, 1984 (AS)
51 — Mick Luckhurst vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982 (Twice)
50 — Paul McFadden vs. Buffalo, Nov. 5, 1989
50 — Mick Luckhurst vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 13, 1987
50 — Mick Luckhurst vs. Detroit, Dec. 27, 1987 (AS)
50 — Mick Luckhurst vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984
50 — Tim Mazzetti vs. Buffalo, Nov. 2, 1980
50 — NORM JOHNSON vs. New Orleans, Nov. 24, 1991

Long Interception Returns (60 yards or more)

t101 — Tom Pridemore vs. San Francisco, Sept. 20, 1981
t90 — Ken Reaves vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 20, 1968
t87 — Rolland Lawrence vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
t82 — DEION SANDERS vs. Houston, Sept. 9, 1990
t81 — Rolland Lawrence vs. San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973

t77 — Lee Calland vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
t73 — Jimmy Burson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 15, 1968 (AS)
t72 — Rick Byas vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977
t65 — Tom Hayes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
t62 — Bob Riggle vs. Minnesota, Dec. 4, 1966
t61 — DEION SANDERS vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990

Long Punt Returns (50 yards or more)

t79 — DEION SANDERS vs. Cincinnati, Oct. 28, 1990 (AS)
t77 — Tom McCauley vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
t75 — John Mallory vs. Minnesota, Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
t72 — Gerald Tinker vs. New Orleans, Sept. 29, 1974
t71 — Billy Johnson vs. New York Jets, Oct. 23, 1983
71 — Billy Johnson vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 21, 1982 (AS)
t68 — DEION SANDERS vs. LA Rams, Sept. 10, 1989
60 — Dennis Pearson vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
68 — Lew Barnes vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 30, 1988
57 — Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
57 — Al Dodd vs. Chicago, Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)
56 — Kenny Johnson vs. Chicago, Sept. 23, 1980 (AS)

Long Kickoff Returns (50 yards or more)

t100 — DEION SANDERS vs. San Francisco, Oct. 13, 1991
t100 — Dennis Pearson vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978
t99 — Ron Smith vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
t97 — Sylvester Stamps vs. San Francisco, Dec. 20, 1987
t94 — Cliff Austin vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1985 (AS)
82 — Jim Butler vs. Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
80 — Ron Smith vs. Chicago, Nov. 27, 1966
t76 — KEITH JONES vs. Dallas, Dec. 30, 1990 (AS)
74 — Sylvester Stamps vs. Houston, Oct. 25, 1987
72 — DEION SANDERS vs. New Orleans, Oct. 29, 1989
71 — Joe McIntosh vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 18, 1987 (AS)
66 — Larry Emery vs. St. Louis, Nov. 29, 1987 (AS)
61 — Jim Butler vs. Washington, Nov. 23, 1969
60 — DEION SANDERS vs. New England, Oct. 15, 1989
59 — Gerald Tinker vs. San Francisco, Sept. 22, 1974 (AS)
58 — Willie Belton vs. Cleveland, Oct. 31, 1971
50 — Sylvester Stamps vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 28, 1984
50 — DEION SANDERS vs. Los Angeles Rams, Dec. 23, 1990 (AS)

Long Fumble Returns (50 yards or more)

t91 — Bob Glazebrook vs. New York Giants, Sept. 12, 1982
t75 — OLIVER BARNETT vs. Tampa Bay, Nov. 17, 1991 (AS)
t74 — Jim Weatherford vs. San Francisco, Oct. 19, 1969
t65 — James Britt vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 26, 1986
t65 — JESSIE TUGGLE vs. Houston, Sept. 9, 1990 (AS)
t64 — Blane Gaison vs. San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1983 (AS)
t60 — Tom Hayes vs. Oakland, Dec. 5, 1971 (AS)
t57 — Joel Williams vs. Green Bay, Sept. 13, 1981
t50 — Jim Mitchell vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975 (AS)

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Year-by-Year Leaders

SCORING

Year	Player	TD	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	TP
1966	Lou Kirouac	0	19	24	9	18	46
1967	Wade Traynham	0	22	22	7	18	43
1968	Bob Etter	0	17	19	11	21	50
1969	Bob Etter	0	33	33	15	30	78
1970	Kenny Vinyard	0	23	26	9	25	50
1971	Bill Bell	0	29	33	13	21	68
1972	Bill Bell	0	31	31	16	30	79
1973	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	34	34	**26**	38	112
1974	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	12	12	9	16	39
1975	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	30	33	4	10	42
1976	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	19	19	10	21	49
1977	Haskel Stanback	6	00	00	00	00	36
1978	Tim Mazzetti	0	18	18	13	16	57
1979	Tim Mazzetti	0	31	37	13	25	70
1980	Tim Mazzetti	0	45	49	19	27	102
1981	Mick Luckhurst	0	**51**	51	21	33	**114**
1982	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	22	10	14	51
1983	Mick Luckhurst	0	43	45	17	22	94
1984	Mick Luckhurst	0	31	31	20	27	91
1985	Mick Luckhurst	0	29	29	24	31	101
1986	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	21	14	24	63
1987	Mick Luckhurst	0	17	17	9	13	44
1988	Greg Davis	0	25	27	19	30	82
1989	Paul McFadden	0	18	18	15	20	63
1990	Greg Davis	0	40	40	22	33	106
1991	Norm Johnson	0	38	39	19	23	95

PASSING
(minimum - 100 ATT)

Year	Player	ATT.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
1966	Randy Johnson	295	129	43.7	1,795	12	21
1967	Randy Johnson	288	142	49.3	1,620	10	21
1968	Bob Berry	153	81	52.9	1,433	7	13
1969	Bob Berry	169	71	57.3	1,087	10	2
1970	Bob Berry	269	156	58.0	1,806	16	13
1971	Bob Berry	226	136	60.2	2,005	11	16
1972	Bob Berry	277	154	55.6	2,158	13	12
1973	Bob Lee	230	120	52.2	1,786	10	8
1974	Bob Lee	172	78	45.3	852	3	14
1975	Steve Bartkowski	255	115	45.1	1,662	13	15
1976	Steve Bartkowski	120	57	47.5	677	2	9
1977	Scott Hunter	151	70	46.4	898	2	3
1978	Steve Bartkowski	369	187	50.7	2,489	10	18
1979	Steve Bartkowski	379	203	53.6	2,502	17	20
1980	Steve Bartkowski	463	257	55.5	3,544	**31**	16
1981	Steve Bartkowski	**533**	**297**	55.7	**3,830**	30	23
1982	Steve Bartkowski	262	166	63.4	1,905	8	11
1983	Steve Bartkowski	432	274	63.4	3,167	22	5
1984	Steve Bartkowski	269	181	**67.3**	2,158	11	10
1985	Dave Archer	312	161	51.6	1,992	7	17
1986	Dave Archer	294	150	51.0	2,007	10	9
1987	Scott Campbell	260	136	52.3	1,728	11	14
1988	Chris Miller	351	184	52.4	2,133	11	12
1989	Chris Miller	526	280	53.2	3,459	16	10
1990	Chris Miller	388	222	57.2	2,735	17	14
1991	Chris Miller	413	220	53.3	3,103	26	18

RUSHING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722	3.6	37	4
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722	4.0	20t	4
1968	Jim Butler	94	365	3.9	60t	2
1969	Jim Butler	163	655	4.0	39	3
1970	Jim Butler	166	636	3.8	33	0
1971	Jim Butler	186	594	3.2	19	2
1972	Dave Hampton	230	995	4.3	56t	6
1973	Dave Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	3
1974	Dave Hampton	127	464	3.7	34	2
1975	Dave Hampton	250	1,002	4.0	22	5
1976	Bubba Bean	124	428	3.5	30	2
1977	Haskel Stanback	247	873	3.4	35	6
1978	Bubba Bean	193	707	3.7	25	3
1979	William Andrews	239	1,023	4.3	23	2
1980	William Andrews	265	1,308	**4.9**	33	4
1981	William Andrews	289	1,301	4.5	29	10
1982	William Andrews	139	573	4.1	19t	5
1983	William Andrews	331	1,567	4.7	27	7
1984	Gerald Riggs	**353**	1,486	4.2	57	**13**
1985	Gerald Riggs	297	**1,719**	4.3	50	10
1986	Gerald Riggs	343	1,327	3.9	31	9
1987	Gerald Riggs	203	875	4.3	44	2
1988	John Settle	232	1,024	4.4	62	7
1989	John Settle	179	689	3.8	20	3
1990	Mike Rozier	153	675	4.4	67	4
1991	Steve Broussard	99	449	4.5	36	4

RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Alex Hawkins	44	661	15.0	42	2
1967	Tommy McDonald	33	436	13.2	75	4
1968	Jerry Simmons	28	479	17.1	61	0
1969	Paul Flatley	45	834	18.5	71	6
1970	Jim Mitchell	44	650	14.8	51	6
1971	Art Malone	34	380	11.2	46	2
	Ken Burrow	33	741	22.5	84	6
1972	Art Malone	50	585	11.7	57	2
1973	Jim Mitchell	32	420	13.1	50	0
	Ken Burrow	31	567	18.3	57	7
1974	Ken Burrow	34	545	16.0	48	1
1975	Alfred Jenkins	38	767	20.2	68	6
1976	Alfred Jenkins	41	710	17.3	34	6
1977	Alfred Jenkins	39	677	17.4	73	4
1978	Wallace Francis	45	695	15.4	54	3
	Billy Ryckman	45	679	15.1	59	2
1979	Wallace Francis	74	1,013	13.7	42	8
1980	Alfred Jenkins	57	1,025	18.0	57	6
1981	William Andrews	81	736	9.1	70	2
	Alfred Jenkins	70	1,358	19.4	67	13
1982	William Andrews	42	503	12.0	86t	2
1983	Billy Johnson	64	709	11.1	47t	4
	Stacey Bailey	55	881	16.0	53	6
1984	Stacey Bailey	67	**1,138**	17.0	61	6
1985	Billy Johnson	62	830	13.4	62t	5
1986	Charlie Brown	63	918	14.6	42	4
1987	Floyd Dixon	36	600	16.7	51t	5
1988	John Settle	68	570	8.4	27	1
1989	Shawn Collins	58	862	14.9	47	3
1990	Andre Rison	**82**	1,208	14.7	75t	**10**

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1991	Andre Rison	81	976	12.0	39t	12
	Michael Haynes	50	1,122	22.4	80t	11

INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Jerry Richardson	5	68	13.6	20	0
1967	Ken Reaves	7	153	21.9	42	0
1968	Jim Burson	4	100	25.0	73t	1
1969	Rudy Redmond	5	50	10.0	32	0
1970	Ken Reaves	6	44	7.3	28	0
1971	Ken Reaves	6	43	7.2	31	0
1972	Tom Hayes	5	10	2.0	8	0
1973	Ray Brown	6	99	16.5	24	0
1974	Ray Brown	8	164	20.5	59t	1
1975	Rolland Lawrence	9	163	18.1	87t	1
1976	Rolland Lawrence	6	43	7.2	22	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	7	138	19.7	36	0
1978	Rolland Lawrence	6	76	12.7	44	0
1979	Rolland Lawrence	6	120	20.0	38	0
1980	Al Richardson	7	139	19.9	52	0
1981	Tom Pridemore	7	**221**	31.6	101t	1
1982	Kenny Johnson	2	30	15.0	30	0
	Fulton Kuykendall	2	22	11.0	22	0
	Bobby Butler	2	0	0.0	0	0
1983	Tom Pridemore	4	56	14.0	25	0
	Bobby Butler	4	12	3.0	12	0
1984	Kenny Johnson	5	75	15.0	28	0
1985	Bobby Butler	5	−4	−0.8	0	0
1986	Bret Clark	5	94	18.8	34	0
1987	Bobby Butler	4	48	12.0	31	0
1988	Scott Case	10	47	4.7	12	0
1989	Deion Sanders	5	52	10.4	22	0
1990	Deion Sanders	3	153	51.0	61t	2
	(5 players each had three interceptions)					
1991	Deion Sanders	6	119	19.8	55t	1
	Tim McKyer	6	24	4.0	24	0

PUNTING
(minimum - 16 punts)

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	Blkd.
1966	Billy Lothridge	73	2,968	40.7	60	0
1967	Billy Lothridge	87	3,801	43.7	62	0
1968	Billy Lothridge	75	3,324	**44.3**	70	0
1969	Billy Lothridge	69	2,846	41.2	57	0
1970	Billy Lothridge	76	2,944	38.7	59	0
1971	Billy Lothridge	44	1,639	37.3	58	1
1972	John James	61	2,609	42.8	59	0
1973	John James	63	2,682	42.6	72	0
1974	John James	96	3,891	40.5	61	1
1975	John James	89	3,696	41.5	**75**	0
1976	John James	101	4,253	42.1	67	0
1977	John James	105	4,349	41.4	61	0
1978	John James	**109**	4,227	38.8	57	1
1979	John James	83	3,269	39.7	62	1
1980	John James	79	3,088	39.1	59	0
1981	John James	87	3,543	40.7	62	0
1982	George Roberts	17	690	40.6	54	0
1983	Ralph Giacomarro	70	2,823	40.3	57	1

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1984	Ralph Giacomarro	68	2,855	42.0	58	2
1985	Rick Donnelly	59	2,574	43.6	68	0
1986	Rick Donnelly	78	3,421	43.9	71	1
1987	Rick Donnelly	61	2,686	44.0	62	0
1988	Rick Donnelly	98	3,920	40.0	61	0
1989	Scott Fulhage	84	3,472	41.3	65	1
1990	Scott Fulhage	70	2,913	41.6	59	0
1991	Scott Fulhage	81	3,470	42.8	60	0

PUNT RETURNS
(minimum - 10 returns)

1966	Ron Smith	11	80	7.3	23	0
1967	Ron Smith	20	92	4.6	26	0
1968	Jim Burson	11	56	5.1	17	0
1969	John Mallory	13	42	3.2	15	0
1970	John Mallory	17	203	11.9	75t	1
1971	Willie Belton	30	163	5.4	32	0
1972	Willie Belton	17	110	6.5	34	0
1973	Ray Brown	40	360	9.0	57	0
1974	Al Dodd	27	344	**12.7**	57	0
1975	Mack Herron	10	94	9.4	24	0
1976	Rolland Lawrence	54	376	7.0	24	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	51	352	6.9	37	0
1978	Billy Ryckman	28	227	8.1	38	0
1979	Dennis Pearson	12	115	9.6	60	0
1980	Kenny Johnson	23	281	12.2	56	0
1981	Scott Woerner	33	278	8.4	38	0
1982	Billy Johnson	24	273	11.4	71	0
1983	Billy Johnson	46	489	10.6	71t	1
1984	Billy Johnson	15	152	10.1	37	0
1985	Anthony Allen	21	141	6.7	19	0
1986	Floyd Dixon	26	151	5.8	16	0
1987	Billy Johnson	21	168	8.0	45	0
1988	Lew Barnes	34	307	9.0	68	0
1989	Deion Sanders	28	307	11.0	68t	1
1990	Deion Sanders	29	250	8.6	79t	1
1991	Deion Sanders	21	170	8.1	23	0

KICKOFF RETURNS
(minimum - 10 returns)

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	43	1,013	23.6	80	0
1967	Ron Smith	39	976	25.0	99t	1
1968	Jim Butler	37	799	21.6	42	0
1969	Charlie Bryant	21	407	19.4	39	0
1970	Jim Butler	14	284	20.3	29	0
1971	Willie Belton	28	706	25.2	58	0
1972	Dave Hampton	25	535	21.0	52	0
1973	Joe Washington	20	432	21.6	30	0
1974	Gerald Tinker	29	704	24.3	59	0
1975	Gerald Tinker	13	307	23.6	33	0
1976	Rolland Lawrence	21	521	24.8	36	0
1977	Karl Farmer	23	466	20.3	30	0
1978	Dennis Pearson	25	662	**26.7**	**100t**	1
1979	Dennis Pearson	30	577	19.2	29	0
1980	Reggie Smith	25	512	20.5	35	0
1981	Reggie Smith	47	1,143	24.3	52	0
1982	Reggie Brown	24	466	19.4	33	0
1983	Kenny Johnson	11	224	20.4	28	0
1984	Sylvester Stamps	19	452	23.8	50	0
1985	Cliff Austin	39	838	21.5	94t	1

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1986	Sylvester Stamps	24	514	21.4	35	0
1987	Sylvester Stamps	24	660	27.5	97t	1
1988	Evan Cooper	16	331	20.7	28	0
1989	Deion Sanders	35	725	20.7	72	0
1990	Deion Sanders	39	851	21.8	50	0
1991	Deion Sanders	26	576	22.2	100t	1

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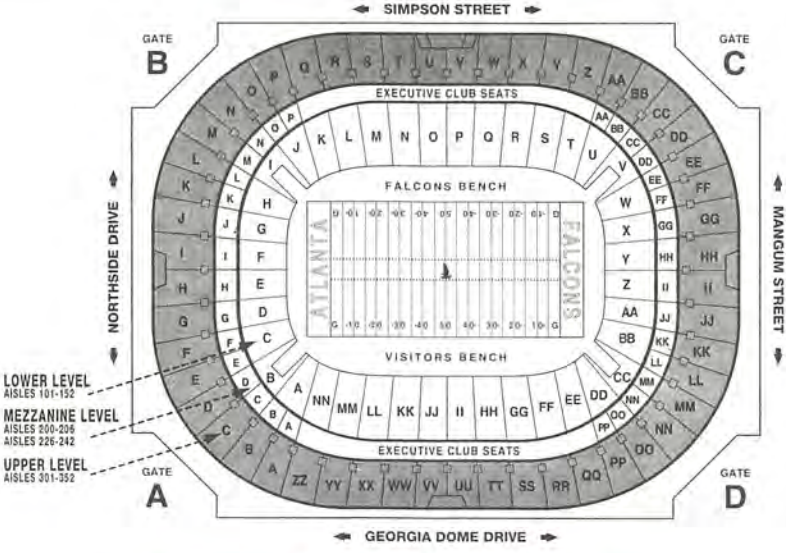

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Falcons in Overtime

(5-7-1)

1991: **Atlanta 23, New Orleans 20** - Norm Johnson's 50-yard FG with 2:37 remaining sealed victory.

1986: **Atlanta 23, Tampa Bay 20** - Mick Luckhurst's 34-yard FG as time expires set up his game-winning 34-yard kick with 6:29 elapsed.

Atlanta 10, San Francisco 10 - Sylvester Stamps races 39 yards with an Archer pass to tie the game with 1:27 remaining. Neither team is able to score, creating the first OT tie in Falcon history.

1985: **Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17** - Mick Quick catches 99-yard TD from Ron Jaworski.

1984: **Detroit 27, Atlanta 24** - Eddie Murray kicks 48-yard field goal after Lions win toss.

1983: **Atlanta 47, Green Bay 41** - Kenny Johnson intercepts Lynn Dickey and returns pass 31 yards for winning score.

New York Giants 16, Atlanta 13 - Ali Haji-Sheikh kicks 30-yard field goal.

1981: **New York Giants 27, Atlanta 24** - Joe Danelo kicks 40-yard field goal after Falcons fumble on first play of second possession.

1980: **Atlanta 33, St. Louis 27** - Ray Strong rambles 21 yards for TD 4:42 into overtime.

Los Angeles Rams 20, Atlanta 17 - Frank Carrol kicks 23-yard field goal after Bartkowski fumbles on sack.

1979: **Atlanta 40, New Orleans 34** - James Mayberry catches desperation pass by Saints' punter Russell Erxleben who had chased errant snap into end zone.

Denver 20, Atlanta 17 - Jim Turner kicks 24-yard field goal after Tim Mazzetti misses 31-yarder with :22 in regulation.

1975: **Oakland 37, Atlanta 34** - George Blanda kicks 36-yard field goal with just :02 left in overtime.

OVERTIME GAMES

In 1974, overtime was voted in by the NFL owners. The rules call for a coin toss, called by the visiting team, and a three-minute intermission. One 15-minute period is the maximum for regular season time with two time outs allotted each team.

Falcons Honors

Falcon Player of the Year

1966 Tommy Nobis, LB
1967 Junior Coffey, RB
1968 Tommy Nobis, LB
1969 Jim Butler, RB
1970 Jim Mitchell, TE
1971 Don Hansen, LB
1972 Dave Hampton, RB
1973 Bob Lee, QB
1974 Ray Brown, S
1975 Dave Hampton, RB
1976 Claude Humphrey, DE
1977 Rolland Lawrence, DB
1978 Greg Brezina, LB
1979 Wallace Francis, WR
1980 Steve Bartkowski, QB
1981 William Andrews, RB
1982 Fulton Kuykendall, LB
1983 William Andrews, RB
1984 Gerald Riggs, RB
1985 Gerald Riggs, RB
1986 Bill Fralic, OG
1987 Bill Fralic, OG
1988 John Settle, RB
1989 Chris Miller, QB
1990 Andre Rison, WR
1991 Deion Sanders, CB

All-Pro

1967 Tommy Nobis, LB (AP, 1st team)
1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team)
1972 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, Football News, NEA, Football Digest, PFWA, 1st teams)
1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, PFWA, Football News, Computer Kickoff, 1st teams)
Nick Mick-Mayer, K (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team)
Mike Tilleman, DT (National Star News Service, 1st team)
1974 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team)
Rolland Lawrence, DB (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
1980 Mike Kenn, OT (AP, PFWA, NEA, 1st teams)
1981 Alfred Jenkins, WR (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
1982 R.C. Thielemann, OG (AP, CPFNW, 1st team)
Mike Kenn, OT (CPFNW, 1st team; AP, NEA, 2nd team)
William Andrews, RB (AP, 2nd team)
Jeff Van Note, C (AP, 2nd team)
Joel Williams, LB (AP, 2nd team)
1983 William Andrews, RB (NEA, TSN, Football Digest 1st teams; CPFNW, 2nd team)
Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, TSN, CPFNW, PFWA, Football Digest 1st teams; AP 2nd team)
Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; AP, CPFNW, 2nd teams)
1986 Bill Fralic G (AP, NEA, Pro Football Weekly, Sporting News, 1st Team)
1987 Bill Fralic (AP, NEA, PFWA, Sporting News, 1st team)
Sylvester Stamps, KR (Sporting News)
1988 Bill Fralic (Coll. & Pro FB Newsweekly, 1st Team; AP, 2nd team)
Scott Case (AP, 2nd team)
John Settle (Sports Illustrated)
1989 Tony Casillas (AP, 2nd team)
Bill Fralic (AP, 2nd team)
1990 Andre Rison (AP, 1st team)
1991 Mike Kenn (AP, 1st team)
Andre Rison (AP, 2nd team)
Deion Sanders (AP, 2nd team)
Jessie Tuggle (SI)

All-NFC

1970 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team)
1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team)
1972 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Football Digest, Football News, 1st teams)
John James, P (Pro Football Weekly, Football Digest, 1st teams)
Dennis Havig, OG (UPI, Football Digest, 1st team)
1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams)
George Kunz, OT (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams)
Nick Mike-Mayer, K (TSN, Pro Football Weekly, AP, 1st teams)

1977 John James, P (TSN, 1st team)
Rolland Lawrence, DB (UPI, 1st team)
1980 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
Jeff Van Note, C (UPI, 1st team)
1981 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
1982 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
R.C. Thielemann, OG (UPI, 1st team)
William Andrews, RB (UPI, 1st team)
1983 Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; UPI 2nd team)
Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team)
R.C. Thielemann, G (UPI, 2nd team)
1984 Mike Kenn, T (UPI, 2nd team)
Gerald Riggs, RB (UPI, 2nd team)
1986 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st team)
Rick Bryan, DE (UPI, 2nd team)
1987 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, PFWA, 1st team)
Rick Donnelly, P (UPI, 2nd team)
1988 Rick Donnelly (UPI, 2nd team)
Scott Case (UPI, 1st team)
Bill Fralic (UPI, 1st team)
1989 Bill Fralic (UPI, 1st team)
Tony Casillas (UPI, 2nd team)
1990 Andre Rison (UPI, 1st team)
1991 Mike Kenn (UPI)
Jessie Tuggle (UPI)
Deion Sanders (UPI)

Pro Bowl

(following listed season)

1966 Tommy Nobis, LB
1967 Tommy Nobis, LB (2)
1968 Tommy Nobis, LB (3)
1969 Jim Butler, RB
Bob Berry, QB
Greg Brezina, LB
Bob Etter, K
George Kunz, OT
Jim Mitchell, TE
Ken Reaves, DB
1970 Claude Humphrey, DE
George Kunz, OT (2)
Tommy Nobis, LB (4)
1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (2)
1972 Tommy Nobis, LB (5)
Jim Mitchell, TE (2)
Claude Humphrey, DE (3)
1973 John Zook, DE
Nick Mick-Mayer, K
George Kunz, OT (3)
Claude Humphrey, DE (4)
1974 Jeff Van Note, C
Claude Humphrey, DE (5)
1975 Jeff Van Note, C (2)
John James, P
1976 John James, P (2)
1977 John James, P (3)
Claude Humphrey, DE (6)
Rolland Lawrence, DB
1979 Jeff Van Note, C (3)
1980 Mike Kenn, OT
Steve Bartkowski, QB
Jeff Van Note, C (4)
Alfred Jenkins, WR
William Andrews, RB
Junior Miller, TE
1981 Mike Kenn, OT (2)
Steve Bartkowski, QB (2)
Jeff Van Note, C (5)
Alfred Jenkins, WR (2)
William Andrews, RB (2)
Junior Miller, TE (2)
R.C. Thielemann, OG
1982 Mike Kenn, OT (3)
R.C. Thielemann, OG (2)
Jeff Van Note, C (6)
William Andrews, RB (3)
1983 William Andrews, RB (4)
Billy Johnson, PR
Mike Kenn, T (4)
R.C. Thielemann, OG (3)
1984 Mike Kenn, T (5)
1985 Gerald Riggs, RB
1986 Bill Fralic, G
Gerald Riggs, RB (2)
1987 Bill Fralic, G (2)
Gerald Riggs, RB (3)
1988 Bill Fralic, G (3)*
Scott Case, CB
John Settle, RB
1989 Bill Fralic, G (4)

(All NFL Team of 80's
Bill Fralic (2nd team)

1990 Andre Rison WR
1991 Andre Rison WR (2)
Deion Sanders CB
Chris Miller QB
Chris Hinton RT (7)

* Did not participate due to injury.

Regular Season Attendance

Year	Home Avg.	Road Avg.	Total Avg.
1966	52,017	49,292	50,654
1967	46,977	53,082	50,030
1968	42,501	48,985	45,743
1969	47,832	51,723	49,777
1970	51,854	57,381	54,617
1971	54,589	59,866	57,228
1972	51,974	60,033	56,004
1973	49,656	57,038	53,347
1974	37,858	55,397	46,627
1975	40,723	50,183	45,453
1976	37,874	47,831	42,853
1977	50,060	44,157	47,108
1978	54,366	46,072	50,219
1979	50,957	54,391	52,674
1980	55,182	56,444	55,813
1981	52,410	61,799	57,104
1982	43,530	62,409	51,920
1983	41,670	55,718	48,694
1984	39,044	51,523	43,283
1985	34,017	51,571	42,794
1986	48,740	54,392	51,566
1987	23,727	42,928	35,549
1988	33,477	51,336	41,406
1989	40,069	52,768	46,418
1990	49,357	54,692	52,024
1991	50,366	54,200	52,496
Totals	45,416	53,277	49,284

Top Home Crowds

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
60,022	Dallas	1-4-81	27-30
59,257	Minnesota	10-30-77	7-14

Top Road Crowds

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
83,437	New Orleans	11-26-67	24-27
78,283	Cleveland	9-27-81	17-28
77,042	New Orleans	9-20-70	14-3
76,825	Cleveland	10-31-71	31-14
75,954	New Orleans	12-19-71	24-20
75,287	Denver	10-16-88	14-30

Year-by-Year Home and Away

Year	Home	Away	Overall	Year	Home	Away	Overall
1966	1-6	2-5	3-11	1979	3-5	3-5	6-10
1967	1-5-1	0-7	1-12-1	1980	6-2	6-2	12-4
1968	1-6	1-6	2-12	1981	4-4	3-5	7-9
1969	4-3	2-5	6-8	1982	2-3	3-1	5-4
1970	3-4	1-4-2	4-8-2	1983	4-4	3-5	7-9
1971	4-3	3-3-1	7-6-1	1984	2-6	2-6	4-12
1972	4-3	3-4	7-7	1985	3-5	1-7	4-12
1973	4-3	5-2	9-5	1986	2-5-1	5-3	7-8-1
1974	2-5	1-6	3-11	1987	2-6	1-6	3-12
1975	3-4	1-6	4-10	1988	2-6	3-5	5-11
1976	3-4	1-6	4-10	1989	3-5	0-8	3-13
1977	4-3	3-4	7-7	1990	5-3	0-8	5-11
1978	7-1	2-6	9-7	1991	6-2	4-4	10-6
				Totals	85-114-2	59-129-3	144-235-5

(Falcons are 2-4 in playoffs, 1-1 at home and 1-3 on the road)

Falcon Draft Choices

1966

1. Tommy Nobis, lb (1) ..... Texas
   Randy Johnson, qb (15) ..... Texas A&I
2. Nick Rassas, s ..... Notre Dame
   Jerry Jones, t ..... Bowling Green
3. Mike Dennis, rb ..... Mississippi
   Phil Sheridan, te ..... Notre Dame
4. Ken Reaves, cb ..... Norfolk State
   Bill Asbury, rb ..... Kent State
5. Bill Wolski, rb ..... Notre Dame
   Martin Kahn, t ..... N. Texas State
6. Charlie Casey, wr ..... Florida
7. Bill Johnson, rb ..... Suwanee
8. Bill Goss, lb ..... Tulane
9. Bob Sanders, c ..... N. Texas State
10. Mike Bender, g ..... Arkansas
11. Steve Sloan, qb ..... Alabama
12. Ken Hollister, t ..... Indiana
13. Bob Collins, t ..... South Carolina
14. Steve Ecker, p ..... Shippensburg State
15. Tommy Tolleson, wr ..... Alabama
16. Jim Vining, g ..... Rice
17. Lurley Archambeau, c ..... Toledo
18. Doug Korver, c ..... State Col. of Iowa
19. Walt Mainer, cb-s ..... Xavier
20. Bob Riggle, s ..... Penn. State

1967

1. Choice traded to San Francisco
2. Leo Carroll, de (31) ..... San Diego State
3. Jimmy Jordan, rb ..... Florida
4. Choice traded to Cleveland
5. Bill Delaney, te ..... Amer. Internat'l.
   Randy Matson, de ..... Texas A&M
   (from San Francisco)
6. Choice traded to Baltimore
   Gene Snipes, wr ..... Elizabeth City
   (from Los Angeles)
   Martine Bercher, cb-s ..... Arkansas
   (from Baltimore)
7. Corey Colehour, qb ..... North Dakota
8. Choice traded to Washington
9. Bob Moten, wr ..... Bishop, Tex.
10. Dick Schafroth, t ..... Iowa
11. John Walker, lb ..... Jackson State
12. Bill Gentry, lb ..... North Carolina State
13. Sandor Szabo, k ..... Ithaca
14. Tom Bryan, rb ..... Auburn
15. Al Nicholas, rb ..... Sacramento State
16. Larry Chester, cb-s ..... Allen
17. Bill Buckner, qb ..... Delta State

1968

1. Claude Humphrey, de (3) ..... Tenn. St.
2. Carlton Dabney, dt ..... Morgan State
   John Wright, wr ..... Illinois
   (from Green Bay through Los Angeles)
3. Choice traded to Chicago
4. Choice traded to St. Louis
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Jim Hagle, rb ..... So. Methodist
   Joe Wynns, cb-s ..... S. Carolina State
   (from Pittsburgh)
   Rick Eber, wr ..... Tulsa
   (from Baltimore)
7. Choice traded to Minnesota
8. Ray Jeffords, te ..... Georgia
9. Henry Holland, c ..... No. Texas State
10. Mike Tomasini, dt ..... Colorado State
11. Greg Brezina, lb ..... Houston
12. A.J. Vaughan, rb ..... Wayne State
13. Bill Harris, rb ..... Colorado
14. Joe Polk, rb ..... Livingstone, N.C.
15. Don Bean, wr ..... Houston
16. Roy Hall, t ..... San Jose State
17. Jim Schmidt, cb-s ..... San Francisco

1969

1. George Kunz, t (2) ..... Notre Dame
2. Paul Gipson, rb ..... Houston
3. Malcolm Snider, g ..... Stanford
   Jon Sandstrom, g ..... Oregon State
   (from N.Y. Giants through Los Angeles)
4. Jim Mitchell, te ..... Prairie View
   Dicky Lyons, rb ..... Kentucky
   (from Baltimore)
5. Choice traded to Minnesota
   Tony Pleviak, dt ..... Illinois
   (from Dallas through Baltimore)
6. Choice traded to Los Angeles
   Wally Oyler, cb-s ..... Louisville
   (from Detroit)
7. Dick Enderle, g ..... Minnesota
   Ted Cottrell, lb ..... Delaware Valley
   (from Detroit)
8. Jim Callahan, wr ..... Temple
9. Choice traded to Baltimore
10. Jeff Stanciel, rb ..... Miss. Valley
11. Jeff Van Note, c ..... Kentucky
12. Denver Samples, de ..... Texas-El Paso
13. Harry Carpenter, g ..... Tennessee State
14. Billy Hunt, cb-s ..... Kansas
15. Jim Weatherford, s ..... Tennessee

16. Ed Hughes, rb ..... Texas Southern
17. Paul Williams, wr ..... California

1970

1. John Small, lb (12) ..... Citadel
2. Art Malone, rb ..... Arizona State
3. Andy Maurer, g ..... Oregon
   Todd Synder, wr ..... Ohio U.
   (from N.Y. Giants)
4. Paul Reed, t ..... Johnson C. Smith
   (from Philadelphia)
   Choice traded to St. Louis
5. Bruce Van Ness, rb ..... Rutgers
   (from Philadelphia through N.Y. Giants)
   Ken Mendenhall, c ..... Oklahoma
6. Mack Herron, rb ..... Kansas State
   Jade Butcher, wr ..... Indiana
   (from Washington)
   Randy Marshall, de ..... Linfield
   (from Los Angeles)
7. Choice traded to Los Angeles
   Gary Orcutt, wr ..... S. California
   (from N.Y. Giants)
8. Larry Brewer, te ..... Louisiana Tech
   (from N.Y. Giants)
   Seth Miller, s ..... Arizona State
9. Roy Robinson, cb-s ..... Montana
10. Jim Hatcher, cb-s ..... Kansas
11. Mike Brunson, wr-rb ..... Arizona State
12. Lonnie Holton, rb ..... Northern Michigan
13. Rick Stepanek, dt ..... Iowa
14. Chuck Wald, wr ..... No. Dakota State
15. Keith Mauney, cb-s ..... Princeton
16. Steve Parnell, wr ..... Massachusetts
17. Bill Bell, k ..... Kansas

1971

1. Joe Profit, rb (7) ..... N.E. Louisiana
2. Ken Burrow, wr ..... San Diego State
3. Leo Hart, qb ..... Duke
4. Mike Potchad, dt ..... Pittsburg State
5. Ray Jarvis, wr ..... Norfolk State
6 Tom Hayes, cb ..... San Diego State
   Ray Brown, s ..... West Texas State
   (from N.Y. Giants)
7. Wes Chesson, wr ..... Duke
8. Dennis Havig, g ..... Colorado
9. Alvin Griffin, wr ..... Tuskegee
10. Faddie Tillman, de ..... Boise State
11. Larry Shears, cb-s ..... Lincoln, Mo.
12. Ronny Lowe, wr ..... Fort Valley State
13. Dan Crooks, cb-s ..... Wisconsin
14. Deryl Comer, te ..... Texas
15. Wallace Clark, rb ..... Auburn
16. Lindsey James, rb-te ..... San Diego St.
17. Willie Martin, rb ..... Johnson C. Smith

1972

1. Clarence Ellis, s (15) ..... Notre Dame
2. Pat Sullivan, qb ..... Auburn
   (from Philadelphia through Detroit)
   Steve Okoniewski, t ..... Montana
   (from Detroit)
   Roosevelt Manning, dt ..... N.E. Okla.
3. Les Goodman, rb ..... Yankton, S.D.
4. Andy Howard, dt ..... Grambling
5. Bill Taylor, rb ..... Michigan
   (from Buffalo)
   Ralph Cindrich, lb ..... Pittsburgh
6. Mike Perfetti, p-s ..... Minnesota
   (from New England through N.Y. Giants)
   Fred Riley, wr ..... Idaho
   (choice reacquired from New Orleans)
7. Lance Moon, rb ..... Wisconsin
8. Hank Brandon, rb ..... Southern U.
9. Ray Easterling, s ..... Richmond
10. Choice traded to St. Louis
11. Jack Phillips, wr ..... Grambling
12. Larry Mialik, te ..... Wisconsin
13. Henry Sovio, te ..... Hawaii
14. Tom Chandler, lb ..... Minnesota
15. Oscar Jenkins, cb ..... Virginia Union
16. Larry Butler, lb ..... Stanford
17. Bill Holland, rb ..... So. California

1973

1. Choice traded to Houston
2. Greg Marx, dt (39) ..... Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to San Diego through Oakland
4. Thomas Geredine, wr ..... N.E. Mo. State
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Nick Bebout, t ..... Wyoming
7. George Campbell, cb ..... Iowa St.
8. Tom Reed, g ..... Arkansas
9. Russ Ingram, c ..... Tex. Tech
10. Nick Mike-Mayer, k ..... Temple
11. Byron Buelow, db ..... LaCrosse, Wis.
12. Mike Samples, dt ..... Drake
13. Chris Stecher, t ..... Claremont-Mudd
14. John Madeya, qb ..... Louisville
15. Tom Gage, db ..... Lamar Tech
16. Rufus Ferguson, rb ..... Wisconsin
17. Jim Hodge, wr ..... Arkansas

1974

1. Traded choice and quarterback Bob Berry to Minnesota for veterans Bob Lee, a quarterback, and linebacker Lonnie Warwick.
2. Gerald Tinker, wr (44) ..... Kent State
3. Kim McQuilken, qb ..... Lehigh
   Maurice Spencer, db ..... N. Carolina Central
4. Vince Kendrick, rb ..... Florida
5. Henry Childs, te ..... Kansas State
   Monroe Eley, rb ..... Ariz. State
6. Doyle Orange, rb ..... Southern Miss.
7. James Coode, t ..... Michigan
8. Choice to Green Bay through New Orleans
9. Larry Bailey, dt ..... Pacific
10. Paul Ryczek, c ..... Virginia
11. Eddie Wilson, wr ..... Albany State
12. Vic Koegel, lb ..... Ohio State
13. Ralph Powell, rb ..... Nebraska
14. John Givens, g ..... Villanova
15. Willie Jones, wr ..... Iowa State
16. Sylvester McGee, rb ..... Rhode Island
17. Al Davis, g-t ..... Boise State

1975

1. Steve Bartkowski, qb (1) ..... California
2. Ralph Ortega, lb ..... Florida
3. Woody Thompson, rb ..... Miami
4. John Nessel, g ..... Penn. State
5. Greg McCrary, te ..... Clark
6. Fulton Kuykendall, lb ..... UCLA
   Doug Payton, g ..... Colorado
7. Mike Esposito, rb ..... Boston College
8. Brent Adams, t ..... Univ. Tenn/C'nooga
9. Brad Davis, rb ..... LSU
10. Marshall Mills, wr ..... West Virginia
11. Jeff Merrow, dt ..... West Virginia
12. Alonza Pickett, t ..... Texas Southern
13. Cart Russ, lb ..... Michigan
14. Steve Robinson, dt ..... Tuskegee
15. Jimmy Robinson, wr ..... Georgia Tech
16. Steve Knutson, g ..... Southern Cal.
17. Mitch Anderson, qb ..... Northwestern

1976

1. Bubba Bean, rb (9) ..... Texas A&M
2. Sonny Collins, rb ..... Kentucky
3. Dave Scott, t ..... Kansas
4. Walt Brett, de ..... Montana
5. Traded to Minnesota
6. Stan Varner, dt ..... Brigham Young
7. Karl Farmer, wr ..... Pittsburgh
8. Frank Reed, db ..... Washington
9. Phil McKinnely, t ..... UCLA
10. No Selection
11. Chuck Brislin, t ..... Mississippi State
12. Pat Bolton, k ..... Montana State
13. Mike Williams, t ..... Florida
14. Mark Husfloen, de ..... Washington State
15. Ron Olson, db ..... Washington
16. Pat Curto, lb ..... Ohio State
17. Tony Green, db ..... Texas Tech

1977

1. Warren Byrant, ot (6) ..... Kentucky
   Wilson Faumuina, dt (20) ..... San Jose State
2. R.C. Thielemann, og-c ..... Arkansas
3. Edgar Fields, dt-de ..... Texas A&M
4. Allan Leavitt, ks ..... Georgia
5. Shelton Diggs, wr ..... So. California
6. Keith Jenkins, db ..... Cincinnati
7. No selection
8. Walter Packer, wr ..... Mississippi State
9. John Maxwell, ot ..... Boston College
   Robert Speer, de ..... Arkansas State
10. Billy Ryckman, wr ..... Louisiana Tech
11. Dave Farmer, rb ..... Southern California
12. Don Parrish, de ..... Pittsburgh

1978

1. Mike Kenn, ot (13) ..... Michigan
2. Steve Stewart, lb ..... Minnesota
3. Stan Waldemore, og ..... Nebraska
4. Brian Cabral, lb ..... Colorado
5. Dennis Pearson, wr ..... San Diego St.
6. Rodney Parker, wr ..... Tennessee St.
7. Alfred Jackson, wr ..... Texas
   James Wright, te ..... Texas Christian
8. David Adkins, lb ..... Ohio St.
   David Williams, db ..... Tennessee-Martin
9. Tom Pridemore, db ..... West Virginia
10. Ricky Patton, rb ..... Jackson St.
    Ray Strong, rb ..... Nevada-Las Vegas
11. Milton "Scooter" Reed, db ..... Baylor
12. Daria Butler, lb ..... Oklahoma St.

1979

1. Don Smith, de (17) ..... Miami
2. Pat Howell, og ..... Southern California
3. James Mayberry, rb ..... Colorado
   William Andrews, rb ..... Auburn
4. Lynn Cain, rb ..... Southern California
   Charles Johnson, db ..... Grambling
5. Mike Zele, dt ..... Kent State
6. Mike Moroski, qb ..... Cal-Davis
7. Roger Westlund, ot ..... Washington
8. Keith Miller, lb ..... NE Oklahoma
9. Dave Parkin, db ..... Utah State
10. Bruce Beekley, lb ..... Oregon
11. Bill Leer, c ..... Colorado St.
12. Stuart Walker, lb ..... Colorado

1980

1. Junior Miller, te (7) ..... Nebraska
2. Buddy Curry, lb ..... North Carolina
3. Earl Jones, cb ..... Norfolk State
4. Jim Laughlin, lb ..... Ohio State
   I.M. Hipp, rb ..... Nebraska
5. Brad Vassar, lb ..... Pacific
   Kenny Johnson, db ..... Mississippi State
6. Mike Davis, db ..... Colorado
7. Mike Smith, wr ..... Grambling
8. Al Richardson, lb ..... Georgia Tech
9. Glen Keller, c ..... West Texas State
10. Walt Bellamy, db ..... V.M.I.
11. Mike Babb, db ..... Oklahoma
12. Quinn Jones, rb ..... Tulsa

1981

1. Bobby Butler, cb (25) ..... Florida State
2. Lyman White, lb ..... Louisiana State
3. Scott Woerner, db ..... Georgia
4. John Scully, c ..... Notre Dame
5. Eric Sanders, ot ..... Nevada-Reno
6. Harry Stanback, dt ..... North Carolina
7. Matthew Teague, de ..... Prairie View
8. Cliff Toney, dc ..... Auburn
9. Calvin Fance, rb ..... Rice
10. Robert Murphy, ds ..... Ohio State
11. Keith Chappelle, wr ..... Iowa
12. Mark McCants, ds ..... Temple

1982

1. Gerald Riggs, rb (9) ..... Arizona State
2. Doug Rogers, de ..... Stanford
3. Stacey Bailey, wr ..... San Jose State
4. Reggie Brown, rb ..... Oregon
5. Von Mansfield, db ..... Wisconsin
6. Mike Kelley, qb ..... Georgia Tech
7. David Toloumu, rb ..... Hawaii
8. Ricky Eberhart, db ..... Morris Brown
9. Mike Horan, p ..... Cal State-Long Beach
10. Curtis Stowers, lb ..... Mississippi State
11. Jeff Keller, wr ..... Washington State
12. Dave Levenick, lb ..... Wisconsin

1983

1. Mike Pitts, de (16) ..... Alabama
2. James Britt, db ..... LSU
3. Andrew Provence, dt ..... South Carolina
4. John Harper, lb ..... Southern Illinois
5. Brett Miller, ot ..... Iowa
6. Anthony Allen, wr ..... Washington
7. Jeff Turk, db ..... Boise State
8. John Rade, lb ..... Boise State
9. Traded to Baltimore
10. Ralph Giacomarro, p ..... Penn State
11. John Salley, db ..... Wyoming
12. Allama Matthews, te ..... Vanderbilt

1984

1. Rick Bryan, dt (9) ..... Oklahoma
2. Scott Case, s ..... Oklahoma
   Thomas Benson, lb ..... Oklahoma
3. Rodney McSwain, db ..... Clemson
4. Rydell Malancon, lb ..... LSU
5. Cliff Benson, te ..... Purdue
6. Ben Bennett, qb ..... Duke
   Dan Ralph, dt ..... Oregon
7. Kirk Dodge, lb ..... Nevada-Las Vegas
8. Jeff Jackson, lb ..... Auburn
9. Glenn Howe, t ..... Southern Mississippi
10. Derrick Franklin, db ..... Fresno State
11. Tommy Norman, wr ..... Jackson State
12. Don Holmes, wr ..... Colorado

*Supplemental Draft - June 5, 1984

1. Joey Jones, wr (9) ..... Alabama (Birmingham)
2. Mike McInnis, dt ..... Ark-Pine Bluff (Philadelphia)
3. Dennis Woodberry, db ..... Southern Arkansas (Birmingham)

1985

1. Bill Fralic, t (2) ..... Pittsburgh
2. Mike Gann, de ..... Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to Minnesota
4. Emile Harry, wr ..... Stanford
5. Choice traded to St. Louis
6. Reggie Pleasant, cb ..... Clemson
7. Choice traded to Cincinnati
8. Ashley Lee, s ..... Virginia Tech
   Ronnie Washington, lb ..... N.E. Louisiana
9. Micah Moon, lb ..... North Carolina
10. Brent Martin, c ..... Stanford
11. John Ayres, cb ..... Illinois
12. Ken Whisenhunt, te ..... Georgia Tech

1986

1a. Tony Casillas, nt (2) ..... Oklahoma
1b. Tim Green, lb (17) ..... Syracuse
2. Traded to Washington in '85 for lb in '86
3. Traded earlier for qb Turk Schonert
4. Traded to L.A. Raiders for Bret Clark, s ..... Nebraska
5. Traded to Philadelphia for lb Joel Williams
6a. Floyd Dixon, wr ..... Stephen F. Austin
6b. Keith Williams, rb ..... Missouri
7. Traded earlier to Philadelphia for lb Reggie Wilkes
8. Kevin Hudgens, dt ..... Idaho State

9. Kevin Starks, te ..... Minnesota
10. Tony Baker, rb ..... East Carolina
11. Chris Hegg, qb ..... Missouri
12. Steve Griffin, wr ..... Purdue

1987

1. Chris Miller, qb (12) ..... Oregon
2. Kenny Flowers, rb ..... Clemson
3. Choice traded to Green Bay
4. Ralph Van Dyke, ot ..... Southern Illinois
5. Mark Mraz, de ..... Utah State
6. Paul Kiser, og ..... Wake Forest
7. Michael Reid, lb ..... Wisconsin
8. Curtis Taliaferro, lb ..... Virginia Tech
9. Terrence Anthony, cb ..... Iowa State
10. Jerry Reese, te ..... Illinois
11. Elbert Shelley, s ..... Arkansas State
12. Larry Emery, rb ..... Wisconsin

1988

1. Aundray Bruce, lb (1) ..... Auburn
2. Marcus Cotton, lb ..... Southern California
3. Alex Higdon, te ..... Ohio State
4. Choice traded to Philadelphia
5. Charles Dimry, db ..... Nevada-Las Vegas
6a. George Thomas, wr ..... Nevada-Las Vegas
6b. Houston Hoover, g ..... Jackson State
7. Michael Haynes, wr ..... Northern Arizona
8. Phillip Brown, lb ..... Alabama
9. James Primus, rb ..... UCLA
10. Stan Clayton, ot ..... Penn State
11. James Milling, wr ..... Maryland
12. Carter Wiley, s ..... Virginia Tech

1989

1a. Deion Sanders, cb (5) ..... Florida State
1b. Shawn Collins, wr (27) ..... Northern Arizona
2. Ralph Norwood, ot ..... Louisiana State
3. Keith Jones, rb ..... Illinois
4. Choice traded to Cincinnati
5. Choice traded to L.A. Raiders
6. Troy Sadowski, te ..... Georgia
7. Undra Johnson, rb ..... West Virginia
8. Paul Singer, qb ..... Western Illinois
9. Chris Dunn, lb ..... Cal-Poly SLO
10. Choice traded to Cincinnati
11. Greg Paterra, rb ..... Slippery Rock
12. Tony Bowick, nt ..... U. Tenn./Chatt.

1990

1. Steve Broussard, rb (20) .... Washington State
2. Darion Conner, lb ..... Jackson State
3. Oliver Barnett, dl ..... Kentucky
4. Reggie Redding, t ..... Cal State-Fullerton
5. Mike Pringle, rb ..... Cal State-Fullerton
6. Tory Epps, nt ..... Memphis State
7. Darrell Jordon, lb ..... Northern Arizona
8. Donnie Salum, lb ..... Arizona
9. Chris Ellison, s ..... Houston
10. Shawn McCarthy, p ..... Purdue

1991

1a. Bruce Pickens, cb (3) ..... Nebraska
1b. Mike Pritchard, wr (13) ..... Colorado
2. Brett Favre, qb ..... Southern Miss.
3. Choice traded to Miami
4. Moe Gardner, nt ..... Illinois
5. James Goode, lb ..... Oklahoma
6. Erric Pegram, rb ..... N. Texas St.
7a. Brian Mitchell, db ..... BYU
7b. Mark Tucker, c ..... USC
8. Randy Austin, te ..... UCLA
9. Ernie Logan, de ..... East Carolina
10a. Walter Sutton, wr ..... S.W. Minnesota
10b. Pete Lucas, t ..... Stevens Pt., Wis.
11. Joe Sims, nt ..... Nebraska
12. Bob Christain, rb ..... Northwestern

Falcons Help Kids Learn Fun-damentals

For the second straight year, Falcon players took time out to give something back to their community by teaching football fundamentals to inner city youth in Atlanta and discussing the importance of education and personal discipline through the help of United Way agencies. Players participating in the all day "NFL Pro Set Mini-camp" on the Morehouse College campus in downtown Atlanta in '92 included: Broussard, Butler, Collins, Donaldson, Dukes, Haynes, Hinton, Hoover, Jones, LeBel, Reid, Ruether, Shelley, Thomas and Tuggle. Ex-Falcon Billy "White Shoes" Johnson served as the day's host and Morehouse coach Craig Cason and his staff were also present to aide the worthy cause. More than 350 youngsters got to learn from the pros thanks to the Falcons!

Falcons Honor Roll (1966-1991)

- A -

Absher, Dick (LB), Maryland 1967-68
Acks, Ron (LB), Illinois 1968-71
Adams, Bob (TE), Pacific 1976
Adams, Brent (T), UT at C'nooga 1975-78
Allen, Anthony (WR), Washington 1985-86
Allen, Grady (LB), Texas A&M 1969-72
Anderson, Anthony (RB), Temple 1980
Anderson, Taz (TE), Georgia Tech 1966-67
Andrews, William (RB), Auburn 1979-83, 86
Archer, Dave (QB), Iowa St. 1984-87
Auer, Joe (RB), Georgia Tech 1968
Austin, Cliff (RB), Clemson 1984-86

- B -

Badanjek, Rick (RB), Maryland 1987-88
Bailey, Jim (DT), Kansas 1976-78
Bailey, Larry (DT), Pacific 1974
Bailey, Stacey (WR), San Jose St. 1982-90
Baker, Tony (RB), East Carolina 1986
Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson 1966-67
Barnes, Lew (WR,KR), Oregon 1988
Barnett, Doug (C) Azusa Pacific 1987
Barnett, Oliver (DT), Kentucky 1990-91
Bartkowski, Steve (QB), California 1975-85
Bean, Bubba (RB), Texas A&M 1976-80
Bebout, Nick (T), Wyoming 1973-75
Beckman, Brad (TE), Nebraska-Omaha 1989
Bell, Bill (PK), Kansas 1971-72
Bell, Kerwin (QB), Florida 1988
Belton, Willie (RB), Maryland St. 1971-72
Benish, Dan (DT), Clemson 1983-86
Benson, Cliff (TE), Purdue 1984-85
Benson, Duane (LB), Hamline 1972-73
Benson, Thomas (LB), Oklahoma 1984-85
Berry, Bob (QB), Oregon 1968-72
Bingham, Guy (C/G), Montana 1989-91
Bleick, Tom (S), Georgia Tech 1967
Bosley, Bruce (G), W. Virginia 1969
Bowick, Tony (NT), UT/Chattanooga 1989
Bowling, Andy (LB), Virginia Tech 1967
Bramlett, John (LB), Memphis St. 1971
Breitenstein, Bob (G-T), Tulsa 1969-70
Brett, Walt (G), Montana 1976
Brezina, Greg (LB), Houston 1968-69, 71-79
Britt, James (DB), LSU 1983-87
Brooks, Jonathan (LB), Clemson 1980
Broussard, Steve (RB), Washington St. 1990-91
Brown, Aaron (LB), Ohio State 1986-87
Brown, Charlie (WR), S.C. State 1985-87
Brown, Clay (TE), Brigham Young 1982
Brown, Greg (DE), Kansas State 1987-88
Brown, Ray (S), W. Texas State 1971-78
Brown, Reggie (RB), Oregon 1982
Bruce, Aundray (LB), Auburn 1988-91
Brunson, Mike (WR-RB), Arizona St. 1970
Bryan, Rick (DT), Oklahoma 1984-91
Bryant, Charles (RB), Allen 1969
Bryant, Warren (T), Kentucky 1978-83
Burke, Vern (WR), Oregon St. 1966
Burley, Gary (DT), Pittsburgh 1984
Burrow, Ken (WR), San Diego St. 1971-75
Burson, Jimmy (CB-S), Auburn 1968
Butler, Bobby (CB), FSU 1981-91
Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters 1968-71
Byas, Rick (DB), Wayne St. 1974-80

- C -

Cabral, Brian (LB), Colorado 1979
Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona 1969
Cain, Lynn (RB), USC 1979-84
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville 1966-68
Camp, Reggie (DE), California 1988
Campbell, Scott (QB), Purdue 1986-90
Campbell, Sonny (RB), North Arizona 1970-71
Case, Scott (DB), Oklahoma 1984-91
Cash, Rick (DE), N.E. Missouri 1968
Casillas, Tony (DT), Oklahoma 1986-90
Cason, Wendell (DB), Oregon 1986-87
Cavness, Grady (CB), Texas-El Paso 1970
Cerne, Joe (C), Northwestern 1968
Chaffey, Pat (RB), Oregon St. 1991
Chapman, Mike (G), Texas 1984
Childs, Henry (TE), Kansas St. 1974
Chesson, Wes (WR), Duke 1971-73
Claridge, Dennis (QB), Nebraska 1966
Clark, Bret (S), Nebraska 1986-88
Clayton, Stan (T/G), Penn State 1988-89
Coffey, Junior (RB), Washington 1966-67, 69
Cogdill, Gail (WR), Washington St. 1969-70
Coia, Angelo (WR), USC 1966
Collins, Shawn (WR), N. Arizona 1989-91
Collins, Sonny (RB), Kentucky 1976
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma 1969-72
Conner, Darion (LB), Jackson State 1990-91
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame 1966-67
Cooper, Evan (DB), Michigan 1988-89
Cope, Jim (LB), Ohio 1976
Cordill, Olie (WR), Memphis St. 1968
Correal, Chuck (C), Penn St. 1979-80
Costello, Joe (LB), Central Connecticut 1986-88
Cotrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley 1969-70
Cotton, Marcus (LB), USC 1988-89
Cox, Arthur (TE), Tex. Southern 1983-87
Croudip, David (DB), San Diego State 1985-88
Crowe, Larry (DB), Tex. Southern 1975
Curran, Willie (WR), UCLA 1982-84
Curry, Buddy (LB), North Carolina 1980-87

- D -

Dabney, Carlton (DT), Morgan St. 1968

Daluiso, Brad (K), UCLA 1991
Davis, Brad (RB), LSU 1975
Davis, Greg (K), Citadel 1987-90
Davis, Paul (LB), North Carolina 1981-82
Daykin, Tony (LB), Georgia Tech 1979-81
Dils, Steve (QB), Stanford 1988
Dimry, Charles (DB), UNLV 1988-90
Dixon, Floyd (WR), Stephen F. Austin 1986-91
Dixon, Rich (LB), California 1983
Dodd, Al (WR), N.W. Louisiana St. 1973-74
Donaldson, Jeff (S), Colorado 1991
Donnelly, Rick (P), Wyoming 1985-88
Donohoe, Mike (TE),
San Francisco 1968, 1970-71
Dufour, Dan (C/G), UCLA 1983-84
Duich, Steve (G), San Diego St. 1968
Dukes, Jamie (G), Florida State 1986-91
Dunaway, Dave (WR), Duke 1968
Dunn, Perry Lee (RB), Mississippi 1966-68

- E -

East, Ron (DT), Montana St. 1976
Eastering, Ray (S), Richmond 1972-79
Eaton, Tracey (S), Portland St. 1991
Eber, Rick (WR), Tulsa 1968
Eley, Monroe (RB), Arizona St. 1975-78
Ellis, Clarence (CB), Notre Dame 1972-74
Emery, Larry (RB), Wisconsin 1987
Enderle, Dick (G), Minnesota 1969-71
Epps, Tory (NT), Memphis State 1990-91
Esposito, Mike (RB), Boston College 1976-79
Etter, Bob (K), Georgia 1968-69
Everett, Major (RB), Mississippi College 1987

- F -

Farmer, Karl (WR), Pittsburgh 1976-77
Faumuina, Wilson (DT), San Jose St. 1977-81
Favre, Brett (QB), So. Miss. 1991
Ferguson, Jim (C), USC 1969
Fields, Edgar (DT), Texas A&M 1977-80
Fishback, Joe (S), Carson-Newman 1991
Fitzgerald, Mike (CB-S), Iowa State 1967
Flatley, Paul (WR), Northwestern 1968-69
Flowers, Kenny (RB), Clemson 1987, 1989
Fortner, Larry (WB), Miami-Ohio 1980
Fralic, Bill (G/T), Pittsburgh 1985-91
Francis, Wallace (WR),
Arkansas AM&N 1975-81
Franklin, George (RB), Texas A&I 1978
Freeman, Mike (CB-S), Fresno St. 1968-70
Fritsch, Ted (C), St. Norbert 1972-75
Frye, David (LB), Purdue 1983-85
Fulhage, Scott (P), Kansas St. 1989-91

- G -

Gaison, Blane (S), Hawaii 1981-84
Gallagher, Frank (G), N. Carolina 1973
Gann, Mike (DE), Notre Dame 1985-91
Gardner, Moe (NT), Illinois 1991
Gia Garcia, Jim (DE), Purdue 1968
George, Steve (DT), Houston 1976
Geredine, Thomas (WR),
NE Missouri St. 1973-74
Germany, Willie (S), Morgan St. 1972
Giacomarro, Ralph (P), Penn State 1983-85
Gilbert, Lewis (TE), Florida 1978-79
Gilliam, John (WR), South Carolina St. 1976
Gipson, Paul (RB), Houston 1969-70
Glass, Glenn (WR), Tennessee 1966
Glazebrook, Bob (DB), Fresno St. 1978-83
Goff, Willard (DT), W. Texas St. 1985
Goodwin, Doug (RB), Maryland St. 1968
Gordon, Tim (S), Tulsa 1987-90
Gotshalk, Len (T), Humboldt St. 1972-76
Green, Tim (LB), Syracuse 1986-91
Greene, Tiger (DB), Western Carolina 1985
Grimm, Dan (G-C), Colorado 1966-68

- H -

Haji-Sheikh, Ali (K), Michigan 1986
Halverson, Dena (LB), Washington 1970
Hampton, Dave (RB), Wyoming 1972-75
Hansen, Don (LB), Illinois 1969-75
Harmon, Tom (G), Gus, Adolphus 1967
Harper, John (LB), So. Illinois 1983
Harris, Bill (RB), Colorado 1968
Harris, Roy (DT), Florida 1984-85
Harrison, Dennis (DE), Vanderbilt 1986-87
Hart, Leo (QB), Duke 1971
Hawkins, Alex (WR), South Carolina 1966-67
Haworth, Steve (DB), Oklahoma 1983-84
Havig, Dennis (G), Colorado 1972-75
Hayes, Tom (CB), San Diego St. 1971-75
Haynes, Michael (WR), N. Arizona 1988-91
Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado 1966-68
Heller, Ron (TE), Oregon St. 1989
Herman, Chuck (G), Arkansas 1980
Herron, Mack (RB), Kansas St. 1975
Hester, Jessie (WR), FSU 1988
Hettema, Dave (T), New Mexico 1970
Higdon, Alex (TE), Ohio State 1988
Hilton, Roy (DE), Jackson St. 1975
Hinson, Billy (G), Florida 1986
Hinton, Chris (T), Northwestern 1990-91
Hodge, Floyd (WR), Utah 1982-84
Holly, Bob (QB), Princeton 1984-85
Holmes, Rudy (DE), Drake 1974
Hoover, Houston (T), Jackson State 1988-91
Howe, Glen (T), So. Mississippi 1985-86
Howell, Pat (G), USC 1979-83
Hudlow, Floyd (CB-S), Arizona 1967-68
Hughes, Bob (DE), Jackson St. 1967-69
Humphrey, Claude (DE),
Tennessee St. 1968-74, 76-78
Hunter, John (T), B.Y.U. 1989-91
Hunter, Scott (QB), Alabama 1976-78
Hutchinson, Tom (WR), Kentucky 1966

- J -

Jackson, Alfred (WR), Texas 1978-84

Jackson, Ernie (CB), Duke 1978
Jackson, Jeff (LB), Auburn 1984-85
Jackson, Larron (G), Missouri 1975-76
Jackson, Robert (LB), Texas A&M 1982
James, John (P), Florida 1972-81
Jenke, Noel (LB), Minnesota 1972
Jenkins, Alfred (WR), Morris Brown 1975-83
Jarvis, Ray (WR), Norfolk St. 1971-72
Jobko, Bill (LB), Ohio St. 1966
Johnson, Billy (WR), Widener 1982-87
Johnson, Kenny (DB), Mississippi St. 1980-86
Johnson, Norm (K) UCLA 1991
Johnson, Randy (QB), Texas A&I 1966-70
Johnson, Rudy (RB), Nebraska 1966
Johnson, Tracy (RB), Clemson 1990-91
Johnson, Undra (RB), W. Virginia 1989
Jones, Bob (WR), San Diego St. 1969
Jones, Bob (DB), Virginia Union 1975-76
Jones, Earl (DB), Norfolk St. 1980-83
Jones, Jerry (DT), Bowling Green 1966
Jones, Joey (WR), Alabama 1986
Jones, June (QB), Portland St. 1977-79
Jones, Keith (RB), Illinois 1989-91
Jordan, Brian (S), Richmond 1989-91

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Kay, Rick (LB), Colorado 1977
Kendrick, Vince (RB), Florida 1974-75
Kenn, Mike (T), Michigan 1978-91
Kiewel, Jeff (G), Arizona 1985-87
Kindle, Gregg (G), Tennessee St. 1976
Kirouac, Lou (G-K), Boston College 1966-67
Knight, Leander (CB), Montclair St. 1988
Koeper, Rich (T), Oregon State 1966
Komlo, Jeff (QB), Delaware 1982
Kramer, Erik (QB), N. Carolina St. 1987
Kraynak, Rich (LB), Pittsburgh 1987
Krepfle, Keith (TE), Iowa St. 1982
Kuechenberg, Rudy (LB), Indiana 1971
Kunz, George (T), Notre Dame 1969-74
Kupp, Jake (G), Washington 1967
Kuykendall, Fulton (LB), UCLA 1975-84

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Lamb, Ron (RB), South Carolina 1972
Landrum, Mike (TE), So. Miss. 1984
Lang, Gene (RB), LSU 1988-90
Laughlin, Jim (LB), Ohio St. 1980-82, 87
Lavan, Al (S), Colorado St. U. 1969-70
Lawrence, Kent (WR), Georgia 1970
Lawrence, Rolland (DB), Tabor 1973-80
LeBel, Harper (TE), Col. St. 1991
Ledbetter, Monte (WR), N.W. Louisiana 1969
Lee, Bob (WR), Minnesota 1969
Lee, Bob (QB), Pacific 1973-74
Lee, Danzell (TE), Lamar 1988
Lee, Dwight (RB), Michigan St. 1968
Lee, Ron (OL), Baylor 1983
Lemmerman, Bruce (QB),
San Fernando Valley 1968-69
Lens, Greg (DT), Trinity Texas 1970-71
Levenick, Dave (LB), Wisconsin 1983-84
Lewis, Mike (DT), Arkansas AM&N 1971-79
Linden, Errol (T), Houston 1966-68
Long, Bob (WR), Wichita St. 1968
Lothridge, Billy (P-S), Georgia Tech 1966-71
Loveall, Calvin (CB), Idaho 1988
Luckhurst, Mick (K), California 1981-87
Lyles, Robert (LB), TCU 1990-91

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Mabra, Ron (DB), Howard 1975-76
Mack, Red (WR), Notre Dame 1966
Malancon, Rydell (LB), LSU 1984
Mallory, John (S), W. Virginia 1967
Malone, Art (RB), Arizona St. 1970-74
Mankins, Jim (RB), Florida St. 1967
Manning, Rosie (T), N.E. Oklahoma 1972-75
Marchiewski, Frank (C), Minnesota 1966-68
Marshall, Randy (DE), Linfield 1970-71
Marshall, Rich (DT), Stephen F. Austin 1966
Martin, Billy (TE), Georgia Tech 1966-67
Martin, Charles (NT), Livingston 1988
Marx, Greg (DT), Notre Dame 1973
Matlock, John (C), Miami 1970-71
Matthews, Al (TE), Vanderbilt 1983-85
Matthews, Aubrey (WR), Delta State 1986-88
Matthews, Henry (RB), Michigan St. 1973
Mauer, Andy (G), Oregon 1970-73
Mayberry, James (RB), Colorado 1979-81
Mazzetti, Tim (K), Pennsylvania 1978-80
McCarthy, Brendan (RB),
Boston College 1968
McCartney, Ron (LB), Tennessee 1977-79
McCauley, Tom (S-WR), Wisconsin 1969-71
McClain, Dewey (LB), E. Central Univ. 1976-80
McCrary, Greg (TE), Clark 1975-77
McDermott, Gary (RB), Tulsa 1969
McDonald, Tommy (WR), Oklahoma 1967
McFadden, Paul (K), Youngstown State 1989
McGee, Molly (RB), Rhode Island 1974
McInnis, Hugh (TE), So. Mississippi 1966
McIntyre, Secedrick (RB), Auburn 1977
McKinnely, Phil (T), UCLA 1976-80
McKyer, Tim (CB), Tex-Arlington 1991
McMillon, Steve (CB) Wyoming 1989
McQuilken, Kim (QB), Lehigh 1974-77
Merrow, Jeff (DE), W. Virginia 1975-83
Meyers, Eddie (RB), Navy 1982
Mialik, Larry (TE), Wisconsin 1972-74
Middleton, Ron (TE), Auburn 1986-87
Mike-Mayer, Nick (K), Temple 1973-77
Mikeska, Russ (TE), Texas A&M 1979-83
Millen, Hugh (QB), Washington 1988-90
Miller, Brett (T), Iowa 1983-88
Miller, Chris (QB), Oregon 1987-91
Miller, Jim (G) Iowa 1971-72, 74
Miller, Junior (TE), Nebraska 1980-83
Milling, James (WR), Maryland 1988-90
Mitchell, Brian (CB), BYU 1991

Mitchell, Ken (LB), Nevada-Las Vegas 1973-74
Mitchell, Jim (TE), Prairie View 1969-79
Mitchell, Leonard (T), Houston 1987
Montgomery, Marv (T), USC 1978
Moore, Robert (S), Northwestern St. 1986-89
Moore, Tom (RB), Vanderbilt 1967
Moriarty, Tom (S), Bowling Green 1977-79, 81
Moroski, Mike (QB), Cal-Davis 1979-84
Morris, Larry (LB), Georgia Tech 1966
Mraz, Mark (DE), Utah State 1987
Musser, Neal (LB), N.C. State 1981-83

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Neal, Louis (WR), Prairie View 1973-74
Nobis, Tommy (LB), Texas 1966-76
Nofsinger, Terry (QB), Utah 1967
Norton, Jim (DT/DE), Washington 1967-68

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Ogden, Ray (TE), Alabama 1967-68
Ortega, Ralph (LB), Florida 1975-78
Oswald, Paul (G), Kansas 1988

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Palmer, Dick (LB), Kentucky 1974
Paterra, Greg (RB), Slippery Rock 1989
Patton, Ricky (RB), Jackson St. 1978
Pearson, Dennis (WR), San Diego St. 1978-79
Pellegrini, Joe (C), Harvard 1984-86
Pegram, Erric (RB), N. Tex. St. 1991
Pennywell, Robert (LB), Grambling 1977-80
Perko, Mike (DT), Utah St. 1982
Phillips, Jason (WR) Houston 1991
Phillips, Ray (LB), North Carolina St. 1986
Pickens, Bruce (CB), Nebraska 1991
Pillers, Lawrence (DT), Alcorn State 1985
Pitts, Mike (DE), Alabama 1983-86
Pleasant, Reggie (DB), Clemson 1985
Plummer, Tony (S), Pacific 1971-73
Poage, Ray (TE), Texas 1971
Pridemore, Tom (S), West Virginia 1978-85
Primus, James (RB), UCLA 1988-89
Pringle, Mike (RB), Cal State-Fullerton 1990
Pritchard, Mike (WR), Colorado 1991
Pritchett, Billy Ray (RB), W. Texas St. 1976-77
Pritchett, Wes (LB), Notre Dame 1991
Profit, Joe (RB), N.E. Louisiana 1971-73
Provence, Andrew (DT), S. Carolina 1983-87

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Rade, John (LB), Boise St. 1983-91
Radloff, Wayne (C), Georgia 1986-89
Rassas, Nick (S), Notre Dame 1966-68
Ray, Eddie (RB), LSU 1972-74
Reaves, Ken (CB), Norfolk St. 1966-73
Rector, Ron (RB), Northwestern 1966-67
Redding, Reggie (T), Cal. St. Ful. 1991
Redmond, Rudy (CB), Pacific 1969-71
Reed, Frank (DB), Washington 1976-80
Reed, Oscar (RB), Colorado State U 1975
Reid, Michael (LB), Wisconsin 1987-91
Reese, Guy (DT), SMU 1966
Renfroe, Gilbert (QB), Tenn. St. 1990
Richards, Bobby (DE), LSU 1966-67
Richardson, Al (LB), Georgia Tech 1980-85
Richardson, Jerry (CB-S),
W. Texas St. 1966-67
Ridlehuber, Preston (RB), Georgia 1966
Riggle, Bob (S), Penn State 1966-67
Riggs, Gerald (RB), Arizona St. 1982-88
Rison, Andre (WR), Mich. St. 1990-91
Roberts, Gary (G), Purdue 1970
Roberts, George (P), Virginia Tech 1982
Roberts, Guy (LB), Maryland 1976
Robinson, Bo (RB), W. Texas St. 1981-83
Robison, Tommy (G), Texas A&M 1989
Rogers, Doug (DE), Stanford 1982
Rozier, Mike (RB), Nebraska 1990-91
Rubke, Karl (DT), USC 1966-67
Ruether, Mike (C), Texas 1990-91
Rushing, Marion (LB), So. Illinois 1966-68
Russ, Carl (LB), Michigan 1975
Ryckman, Billy (WR), Louisiana Tech 1977-79
Ryczek, Paul (C), Virginia 1974-79

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Sabatino, Bill (DT), Colorado 1969
Sadowski, Troy (TE), Georgia 1990
Sandeman, Bill (T), Pacific 1967-73
Sanders, Bob (LB), N. Texas St. 1967
Sanders, Deion (CB), Florida St. 1989-91
Sanders, Eric (T), Nevada-Reno 1981-86
Scales, Charlie (RB), Indiana 1966
Schmidt, Roy (G-T), Long Beach St. 1969
Schonert, Turk (QB), Stanford 1986
Scott, Dave (T), Kansas 1976-82
Scully, John (C), Notre Dame 1981-90
Seay, Virgil (WR), Troy St. 1984
Settle, John (RB), Appalachian 1987-90
Sharp, Dan (TE), Texas Christian 1987
Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue 1968-69
Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo. 1971
Shelley, Elbert (S), Arkansas State 1987-91
Sherlag, Bob (WR), Memphis St. 1966
Shiner, Dick (QB), Maryland 1971-73
Sidle, Jimmy (TE-RB), Auburn 1966
Sieminski, Chuck (DT), Penn State 1966-67
Silvestri, Carl (CB-S), Wisconsin 1966
Simeta, Mike (DT), Kansas St. 1983
Simmons, Jerry (WR),
Bethune-Cookman 1967-69
Simon, Jim (G-T), Miami 1966-68
Sims, Joe (T), Nebraska 1991
Sloan, Steve (QB), Alabama 1966-67
Small, Gerald (CB), San Jose St. 1984
Small, John (DT), Citadel 1970-72
Smigelsky, Dave (P), Virginia Tech 1982
Smith, Don (DE), Miami 1979-84
Smith, Mike (WR), Grambling 1980
Smith, Ralph (TE), Mississippi 1969

Smith, Reggie (WR), N.C. Central 1980-81
Smith, Ron (CB-WR), Wisconsin 1966-67
Smith, Royce (G), Georgia 1974-76
Smith, Vinson (LB), E. Carolina 1988
Snider, Malcolm (G), Stanford 1969-71
Snyder, Todd (WR), Ohio U. 1970-72
Sobocinski, Phil (C), Wisconsin 1968
Spiller, Phil (S), Cal. State-LA 1968
Spiva, Andy (LB), Tennessee 1977
Spivey, Mike (CB), Colorado 1982
Stamps, Sylvester (WR), Jackson St. 1984-88
Stanback, Haskel (RB), Tennessee 1974-79
Stanciel, Jeff (RB), Miss. Valley 1969
Steinfort, Fred (PK), Boston College 1977-78
Stewart, Steve (LB), Minnesota 1978
Strahan, Art (DT), Texas Southern 1968
Strong, Ray (RB), Nevada/Las Vegas 1978-82
Suchy, Larry (CB), Mississippi College 1968
Sullivan, Jim (DE), Lincoln, Mo. 1970
Sullivan, Pat (QB), Auburn 1972-75
Szczecko, Joe (DT), Auburn 1966-68

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Talbert, Don (T), Texas 1966-68
Tate, Rodney (RB), Texas 1984
Taylor, Johnnie (LB), Hawaii 1984-86
Taylor, Malcom (DE), Tennessee St. 1989
Teague, Matthew (DE), Prairie View 1981
Ten Napel, Garth (LB), Texas A&M 1978
Thaxton, Galand (LB), Wyoming 1989
Thielemann, R.C. (G), Arkansas 1977-84
Thomas, Ben (DE), Auburn 1989
Thomas, Chuck (G), Oklahoma 1985
Thomas, George (WR), Nevada-Las Vegas 1989-91
Thomas, Sean (DB), TCU 1985
Thompson, Woody (RB), Miami 1975-77
Tilleman, Mike (DT), Montana 1973-76
Tinker, Gerald (WR), Kent State 1974-75
Tippins, Ken (LB), MTSU 1990-91
Tolleson, Tommy (WR), Alabama 1966
Tolliver, Billy Joe (QB), Texas Tech 1991
Toloumu, David (RB), Hawaii 1982
Trayman, Wade (K), Frederick 1966-67
Tuggle, Jessie (LB), Valdosta State 1987-91
Turner, Jimmy (CB), UCLA 1986-87
Tutson, Tom (DB), S.C. State 1983
Tuttle, Perry (WR), Clemson 1984
Tyrrell, Tim (RB), N. Illinois 1984-86

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Van Note, Jeff (C), Kentucky 1969-86
Vinyard, Kenny (K), Texas Tech 1970

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Wages, Harmon (RB), Florida 1968-71, 73
Wagoner, Danny (DB), Kansas 1985
Walker, Chuck (DT), Duke 1972-75
Walker, Cleo (LB), Louisville 1971
Warwick, Lonnie (LB), Tenn. Tech 1973-74
Washington, Joe (RB), Oklahoma 1985
Washington, Joe (RB), Illinois St. 1973
Washington, Ronnie (LB), NE Louisiana St. .. 1985
Waskiewicz, Jim (C), Wichita St. 1969
Weatherford, Jim (S), Tennessee 1969
Weatherley, Jim (C), None 1976
Wheelwright, Ernie (RB), So. Illinois 1966-67
Whisenhunt, Ken (TE), Georgia Tech 1985-88
White, Lyman (LB), LSU 1981-82
Whitlow, Bob (C), Arizona 1966
Wilkes, Reggie (LB), Georgia Tech 1986-87
Wilkins, Gary (TE), Georgia Tech 1988-91
Williams, Joel (LB),
Wis./LaCrosse 1979-82, 86-89
Williams, Keith (RB), SW Missouri 1986
Williams, Richard (RB), Memphis St. 1983
Williams, Sam (DE), Michigan State 1966-67
Willis, Mitch (DT), SMU 1988
Wilson, Brenard (S), Vanderbilt 1987
Wilson, Jim (C), Georgia 1967
Windauer, Bill (DT), Iowa 1976
Winkler, Randy (G), Tarleton St. 1968
Woerner, Scott (S), Georgia 1981
Wolski, Bill (RB), Notre Dame 1966
Wood, Bo (DE), North Carolina 1967
Woodberry, Dennis (CB),
Southern Arkansas 1986
Wright, James (TE), Texas Christian 1978-79
Wright, John (WR), Illinois 1968
Wright, Nate (S), San Diego St. 1969

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Yarno, George (C/G), Wash. St. 1988
Yeates, Jeff (DT), Boston College 1976-84
Young, Ben (TE), UT-Arlington 1983

- Z -

Zackery, Tony (DB), Washington 1989
Zele, Mike (DT), Kent St. 1979-83
Zook, John (DE), Kansas 1969-75

PEACH STATE ROSTER GROWS

The Falcons welcomed some new additions to their '92 roster who have ties to the peach state. Former Newnan High School and Georgia Tech star, Drew Hill, will play in front of his hometown fans to finish his career. Draft picks Chuck Smith (Athens), Reggie Dwight (Cordele), and Derrick Moore (Albany) joined veterans Michael Reid (Albany), Rod Saddler (Decatur), Ken Tippins (Adel) and Jessie Tuggle (Spalding) as Falcon players with Georgia on their mind.

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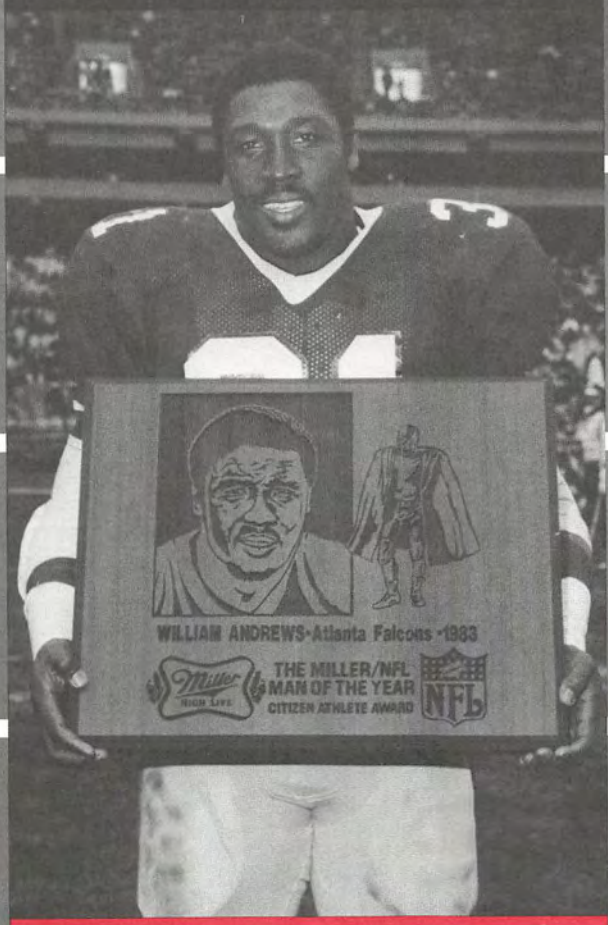


Falcons vs. The NFL

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Falcons vs. Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	97	76
Falcons vs. Chicago	9	7	0	.562	309	286
Falcons vs. Cincinnati	2	5	0	.285	120	162
Falcons vs. Cleveland	1	8	0	.111	125	239
Falcons vs. Dallas	5	10	0	.333	270	366
Falcons vs. Denver	3	4	0	.429	161	186
Falcons vs. Detroit	5	16	0	.238	398	488
Falcons vs. Green Bay	8	9	0	.470	311	408
Falcons vs. Houston	5	2	0	.714	207	145
Falcons vs. Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	124	270
Falcons vs. Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	27	69
Falcons vs. L.A. Raiders	3	4	0	.428	148	195
Falcons vs. L.A. Rams	13	35	2	.270	663	1100
Falcons vs. Miami	1	4	0	.200	75	127
Falcons vs. Minnesota	6	12	0	.333	270	444
Falcons vs. New England	3	3	0	.500	124	111
Falcons vs. New Orleans	27	19	0	.586	969	806
Falcons vs. New York Giants	6	6	0	.500	201	211
Falcons vs. New York Jets	2	3	0	.600	83	110
Falcons vs. Philadelphia	7	8	1	.466	292	299
Falcons vs. Pittsburgh	1	8	0	.111	156	287
Falcons vs. Phoenix	4	10	0	.285	279	341
Falcons vs. San Diego	3	1	0	.750	89	46
Falcons vs. San Francisco	20	29	1	.408	803	1049
Falcons vs. Seattle	1	4	0	.200	113	135
Falcons vs. Tampa Bay	5	5	0	.500	182	183
Falcons vs. Washington	3	12	1	.200	263	422
Totals	**145**	**238**	**5**	**.373**	**6617**	**8565**

Falcons Coaching History

Norb Hecker*	4-26-1 (1966-68)
Norm Van Brocklin#	37-49-3 (1968-74)
Marion Campbell°+	17-51-0 (1974-76, 1987-89)
Pat Peppler	3-6-0 (1976)
Leeman Bennett†	47-44-0 (1977-82)
Dan Henning	22-41-1 (1983-86)
Jim Hanifan (interim)	0-4-0 (1989)
Jerry Glanville–	16-18-0 (1990-91)
	146-239-5

* Released after three games in 1968
° Released after five games in 1976
\# Released after eight games in 1974
\+ Retired after 12 games in 1989
† (Includes post-season play of 1-3)
– (Includes post-season play of 1-1)

Series Vs. Opponents

ATLANTA vs. BUFFALO
Falcons lead series, 3-2
1973-Bills, 17-6 (A)
1977-Bills, 3-0 (B)
1980-Falcons, 30-14 (B)
1983-Falcons, 31-14 (A)
1989-Falcons, 30-28 (A)
(Points-Falcons 97,
Bills 76)

ATLANTA vs. CHICAGO
Falcons lead series, 9-7
1966-Bears, 23-6 (C)
1967-Bears, 23-14 (A)
1968-Falcons, 16-13 (C)
1969-Falcons, 48-31 (A)
1970-Bears, 23-14 (A)
1972-Falcons, 37-21 (C)
1973-Falcons, 46-6 (A)
1974-Falcons, 13-10 (A)
1976-Falcons, 10-0 (C)
1977-Falcons, 16-10 (C)
1978-Bears, 13-7 (C)
1980-Falcons, 28-17 (A)
1983-Falcons, 20-17 (C)
1985-Bears, 36-0 (C)
1986-Bears, 13-10 (A)
1990-Bears, 30-24 (A)
(Points-Falcons 309,
Bears 286)

ATLANTA vs. CINCINNATI
Bengals lead series, 5-2
1971-Falcons, 9-6 (C)
1975-Bengals, 21-14 (A)
1978-Bengals, 37-7 (C)
1981-Bengals, 30-28 (A)
1984-Bengals, 35-14 (C)
1987-Bengals, 16-10 (A)
1990-Falcons, 38-17 (A)
(Points-Bengals 162,
Falcons 120)

ATLANTA vs. CLEVELAND
Browns lead series, 8-1
1966-Browns, 49-17 (A)
1968-Browns, 30-7 (C)
1971-Falcons, 31-14 (C)
1976-Browns, 20-17 (A)
1978-Browns, 24-16 (A)
1981-Browns, 28-17 (C)
1984-Browns, 23-7 (A)
1987-Browns, 38-3 (C)
1990-Browns, 13-10 (A)
(Points-Browns 239,
Falcons 125)

ATLANTA vs. DALLAS
Cowboys lead series, 10-5
1966-Cowboys, 47-14 (A)
1967-Cowboys, 37-7 (D)
1969-Cowboys, 24-17 (A)
1970-Cowboys, 13-0 (D)
1974-Cowboys, 24-0 (A)
1976-Falcons, 17-10 (A)
1978-*Cowboys, 27-20 (D)
1980-*Cowboys, 30-27 (A)
1985-Cowboys, 24-10 (D)
1986-Falcons, 37-35 (D)
1987-Falcons, 21-10 (D)
1988-Cowboys, 26-20 (D)
1989-Falcons, 27-21 (A)
1990-Falcons, 26-7 (A)
1991-Cowboys, 31-27 (D)
(Points-Cowboys 366,
Falcons 270)

ATLANTA vs. DENVER
Broncos lead series, 4-3
1970-Broncos, 24-10 (D)
1972-Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1975-Falcons, 35-21 (A)
1979-Broncos, 20-17 (A) OT
1982-Falcons, 34-27 (D)
1985-Broncos, 44-28 (A)
1988-Broncos, 30-14 (D)
(Points-Broncos 186,
Falcons 161)

ATLANTA vs. DETROIT
Lions lead series, 16-5
1966-Lions, 28-10 (D)
1967-Lions, 24-3 (D)
1968-Lions, 24-7 (A)
1969-Lions, 27-21 (D)
1971-Lions, 41-38 (D)
1972-Lions, 26-23 (A)
1973-Lions, 31-6 (D)
1975-Lions, 17-14 (A)
1976-Lions, 24-10 (D)
1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)
1978-Falcons, 14-0 (A)
1979-Lions, 24-23 (D)
1980-Falcons, 43-28 (A)
1983-Falcons, 30-14 (D)
1984-Lions, 27-24 (A) OT
1985-Lions 28, Atlanta 27 (A)
1986-Falcons, 20-6 (D)
1987-Lions, 30-13 (A)
1988-Lions, 31-17 (D)
1989-Lions, 31-24 (A)
1990-Lions, 21-14 (A)
(Points-Lions 488,
Falcons 398)

ATLANTA vs. GREEN BAY
Packers lead series, 9-8
1966-Packers, 56-3 (Mil)
1967-Packers, 23-0 (Mil)
1968-Packers, 38-7 (A)
1969-Packers, 28-10 (GB)
1970-Packers, 27-24 (GB)
1971-Falcons, 28-21 (A)
1972-Falcons, 10-9 (Mil)
1974-Falcons, 10-3 (A)
1975-Packers, 22-13 (GB)
1976-Packers, 24-20 (A)
1979-Falcons, 25-7 (A)
1981-Falcons, 31-17 (GB)
1982-Packers, 38-7 (A)
1983-Falcons, 47-41 (A) OT
1988-Falcons, 20-0 (A)
1989-Packers, 23-21 (Mil)
1991-Falcons, 35-31 (A)
(Points-Packers 408,
Falcons 311)

ATLANTA vs. HOUSTON
Falcons lead series, 5-2
1972-Falcons, 20-10 (A)
1976-Oilers, 20-14 (H)
1978-Falcons, 20-14 (A)
1981-Falcons, 31-27 (H)
1984-Falcons 42, Oilers 10 (A)
1987-Oilers, 37-33 (H)
1990-Falcons, 47-27 (A)
(Points-Falcons 207,
Oilers 145)

ATLANTA vs. INDIANAPOLIS
Colts lead series, 10-0
1966-Colts, 19-7 (A)
1967-Colts, 38-31 (B)
Colts, 49-7 (A)
1968-Colts, 28-20 (A)
Colts, 44-0 (B)
1969-Colts, 21-14 (A)
Colts, 13-6 (B)
1974-Colts, 17-7 (A)
1986-Colts, 28-23 (A)
1989-Colts, 13-9 (I)
(Points-Colts 270,
Falcons 124)

ATLANTA vs. KANSAS CITY
Chiefs lead series, 3-0
1972-Chiefs, 17-14 (A)
1985-Chiefs, 38-10 (KC)
1991-Chiefs, 14-3 (KC)
(Points-Chiefs 69,
Falcons 27)

ATLANTA vs. L.A. RAIDERS
Raiders lead series, 4-3
1971-Falcons, 24-13 (A)
1975-Raiders, 37-34 (O) OT
1979-Raiders, 50-19 (O)
1982-Raiders, 38-14 (A)
1985-Raiders, 34-24 (A)
1988-Falcons, 12-6 (LA)
1991-Falcons, 21-17 (A)
(Points-Raiders 195,
Falcons 148)

ATLANTA vs. L.A. RAMS
Rams lead series, 35-13-2
1966-Rams, 19-14 (A)
1967-Rams, 31-3 (A)
Rams, 20-3 (LA)
1968-Rams, 27-14 (LA)
Rams, 17-10 (A)
1969-Rams, 17-7 (LA)
Rams, 38-6 (A)
1970-Tie, 10-10 (LA)
Rams, 17-7 (A)
1971-Tie, 20-20 (LA)
Rams, 24-16 (A)
1972-Falcons, 31-3 (A)
Rams, 20-7 (LA)
1973-Rams, 31-0 (LA)
Falcons, 15-13 (A)
1974-Rams, 21-0 (LA)
Rams, 30-7 (A)
1975-Rams, 22-7 (LA)
Rams, 16-7 (A)
1976-Rams, 30-14 (A)
Rams, 59-0 (LA)
1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)
Rams, 23-7 (LA)
1978-Rams, 10-0 (LA)
Falcons, 15-7 (A)
1979-Rams, 20-14 (LA)
Rams, 34-13 (A)
1980-Falcons, 13-10 (A)
Rams, 20-17 (LA) OT
1981-Rams, 37-35 (A)
Rams, 21-16 (LA)
1982-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
1983-Rams, 27-21 (LA)
Rams, 36-13 (A)
1984-Falcons, 30-28 (LA)
Rams, 24-10 (A)
1985-Rams, 17-6 (LA)
Falcons, 30-14 (A)
1986-Falcons, 26-14 (A)
Rams, 14-7 (LA)
1987-Falcons, 24-20 (A)
Rams, 33-0 (LA)
1988-Rams, 33-0 (A)
Rams, 22-7 (LA)
1989-Rams, 31-21 (A)
Rams, 26-14 (LA)
1990-Rams, 44-24 (LA)
Falcons, 20-13 (A)
1991-Falcons, 31-14 (A)
Falcons, 31-14 (LA)
(Points-Rams 1114,
Falcons 694)

ATLANTA vs. MIAMI
Dolphins lead series, 4-1
1970-Dolphins, 20-7 (A)
1974-Dolphins, 42-7 (M)
1980-Dolphins, 20-17 (A)
1983-Dolphins, 31-24 (M)
1986-Falcons, 20-14 (M)
(Points-Dolphins 127,
Falcons 75)

ATLANTA vs. MINNESOTA
Vikings lead series, 12-6
1966-Falcons, 20-13 (M)
1967-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
1968-Vikings, 47-7 (M)
1969-Falcons, 10-3 (A)
1970-Vikings, 37-7 (A)
1971-Vikings, 24-7 (M)
1973-Falcons, 20-14 (A)
1974-Vikings, 23-10 (M)
1975-Vikings, 38-0 (M)
1977-Vikings, 14-7 (A)
1980-Vikings, 24-23 (M)
1981-Falcons, 31-30 (A)
1982-*Vikings, 30-24 (M)
1984-Vikings, 27-20 (M)
1985-Falcons, 14-13 (A)
1987-Vikings, 24-13 (M)
1989-Vikings, 43-17 (M)
1991-Vikings, 20-19 (A)
(Points-Vikings 444,
Falcons 270)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ENGLAND
Series tied, 3-3
1972-Patriots, 21-20 (NE)
1977-Patriots, 16-10 (A)
1980-Falcons, 37-21 (NE)
1983-Falcons, 24-13 (A)
1986-Patriots, 25-17 (NE)
1989-Falcons, 16-15 (A)
(Points-Falcons 124,
Patriots 111)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ORLEANS
Falcons lead series, 27-19
1967-Saints, 27-24 (NO)
1969-Falcons, 45-17 (A)
1970-Falcons, 14-3 (NO)
Falcons, 32-14 (A)
1971-Falcons, 28-6 (A)
Falcons, 24-20 (NO)
1972-Falcons, 21-14 (NO)
Falcons, 36-20 (A)
1973-Falcons, 62-7 (NO)
Falcons, 14-10 (A)
1974-Saints, 14-13 (NO)
Saints, 13-3 (A)
1975-Falcons, 14-7 (A)
Saints, 23-7 (NO)
1976-Saints, 30-0 (NO)
Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1977-Saints, 21-20 (NO)
Falcons, 35-7 (A)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (NO)
Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1979-Falcons, 40-34 (NO) OT
Saints, 37-6 (A)
1980-Falcons, 41-14 (NO)
Falcons, 31-13 (A)
1981-Falcons, 27-0 (A)
Falcons, 41-10 (NO)
1982-Falcons, 35-0 (A)
Saints, 35-6 (NO)
1983-Saints, 19-17 (A)
Saints, 27-10 (NO)
1984-Falcons, 36-28 (NO)
Saints, 17-13 (A)
1985-Falcons, 31-24 (A)
Falcons, 16-10 (NO)
1986-Falcons, 31-10 (NO)
Saints, 14-9 (A)
1987-Saints, 38-0 (A)
1988-Saints, 29-21 (A)
Saints, 10-9 (NO)
1989-Saints, 20-13 (NO)
Saints, 26-17 (A)
1990-Falcons, 28-27 (A)
Saints, 10-7 (A)
1991-Saints, 27-6 (A)
Falcons, 23-20 (NO)
Falcons, 27-20 (NO-Play)
(Points-Falcons 996,
Saints 826)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. GIANTS
Series Tied, 6-6
1966-Falcons, 27-16 (NY)
1968-Falcons, 24-21 (A)
1971-Giants, 21-17 (A)
1974-Falcons, 14-7 (New Haven)
1977-Falcons, 17-3 (A)
1978-Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1979-Giants, 24-3 (NY)
1981-Giants, 27-24 (A) OT
1982-Falcons, 16-14 (NY)
1983-Giants, 16-13 (A) OT
1984-Giants, 19-7 (A)
1988-Giants, 23-16 (A)
(Points-Giants 211,
Falcons 201)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. JETS
Jets lead series, 3-2
1973-Falcons, 28-20 (NY)
1980-Jets, 14-7 (A)
1983-Falcons, 27-21 (NY)
1986-Jets, 28-14 (A)
1989-Jets, 27-7 (NY)
(Points-Jets 110,
Falcons 83)

ATLANTA vs. PHILADELPHIA
Eagles lead series, 8-7-1
1966-Eagles, 23-10 (P)
1967-Eagles, 38-7 (A)
1969-Falcons, 27-3 (P)
1970-Tie, 13-13 (P)
1973-Falcons, 44-27 (P)
1976-Eagles, 14-13 (A)
1978*-Falcons, 14-13 (A)
1979-Falcons, 14-10 (P)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (P)
1981-Eagles, 16-13 (P)
1983-Eagles, 28-24 (A)
1984-Falcons, 26-10 (A)
1985-Eagles, 23-17 (P)
1986-Eagles, 16-0 (A)
1988-Falcons, 27-24 (P)
1990-Eagles, 24-23 (A)
(Points-Eagles 299,
Falcons 292)
*NFC First Round Playoff

ATLANTA vs. PITTSBURGH
Steelers lead series, 8-1
1966-Steelers, 57-33 (A)
1968-Steelers, 41-21 (A)
1970-Falcons, 27-16 (A)
1974-Steelers, 24-17 (P)
1978-Steelers, 31-7 (P)
1981-Steelers, 34-20 (A)
1984-Steelers, 35-10 (P)
1987-Steelers, 28-12 (A)
1990-Steelers, 21-9 (P)
(Points-Steelers 287,
Falcons 156)

ATLANTA vs. PHOENIX
Cardinals lead series, 10-4
1966-Falcons, 16-10 (A)
1968-Cardinals, 17-12 (StL)
1971-Cardinals, 26-9 (A)
1973-Cardinals, 32-10 (A)
1975-Cardinals, 23-20 (StL)
1978-Cardinals, 42-21 (StL)
1980-Falcons, 33-27 (StL) OT
1981-Falcons, 41-20 (A)
1982-Cardinals, 23-20 (A)
1986-Falcons, 33-13 (A)
1987-Cardinals, 34-21 (A)
1989-Cardinals, 34-20 (P)
1990-Cardinals, 24-13 (A)
1991-Cardinals, 16-10 (P)
(Points-Cardinals 341,
Falcons 279)

ATLANTA vs. SAN DIEGO
Falcons lead series, 3-1
1973-Falcons, 41-0 (SD)
1979-Falcons, 28-26 (SD)
1988-Chargers, 10-7 (A)
1991-Falcons, 13-10 (SD)
(Points-Falcons 89, Chargers 46)

ATLANTA vs. SAN FRANCISCO
49ers lead series, 29-20-1
1966-49ers, 44-7 (A)
1967-49ers, 38-7 (SF)
49ers, 34-28 (A)
1968-49ers, 28-13 (SF)
49ers, 14-12 (A)
1969-Falcons, 24-12 (A)
Falcons, 21-7 (SF)
1970-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
49ers, 24-20 (SF)
1971-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
49ers, 24-3 (SF)
1972-49ers, 49-14 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)
1973-49ers, 13-9 (A)
Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
1974-49ers, 16-10 (A)
49ers, 27-0 (SF)
1975-Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
Falcons, 31-9 (A)
1976-49ers, 15-0 (SF)
Falcons, 21-16 (A)
1977-Falcons, 7-0 (SF)
49ers, 10-3 (A)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 21-10 (A)
1979-49ers, 20-15 (SF)
Falcons, 31-21 (A)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 35-10 (A)
1981-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
49ers, 17-14 (SF)
1982-Falcons, 17-7 (SF)
1983-49ers, 24-20 (SF)
Falcons, 28-24 (A)
1984-49ers, 14-5 (SF)
49ers, 35-17 (A)
1985-49ers, 35-16 (SF)
49ers, 38-17 (A)
1986-Tie, 10-10 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)
1987-49ers, 25-17 (A)
49ers, 35-7 (SF)
1988-Falcons, 34-17 (SF)
49ers, 13-3 (A)
1989-49ers, 45-3 (SF)
49ers, 23-10 (A)
1990-49ers, 19-13 (SF)
49ers, 45-35 (A)
1991-Falcons, 39-34 (SF)
Falcons, 17-14 (A)
(Points-49ers 1049,
Falcons 803)

ATLANTA vs. SEATTLE
Seahawks lead series, 4-1
1976-Seahawks, 30-13 (S)
1979-Seahawks, 31-28 (A)
1985-Seahawks, 30-26 (S)
1988-Seahawks, 31-20 (A)
1991-Falcons 26-13 (A)
(Points-Seahawks 135,
Falcons 113)

ATLANTA vs. TAMPA BAY
Series tied, 5-5
1977-Falcons, 17-0 (TB)
1978-Buccaneers, 14-9 (TB)
1979-Falcons, 17-14 (A)
1981-Buccaneers, 24-23 (TB)
1984-Buccaneers, 23-6 (TB)
1986-Falcons, 23-20 (TB)
1987-Buccaneers, 48-10 (TB)
1988-Falcons, 17-10 (A)
1990-Buccaneers, 23-17 (TB)
1991-Falcons 43-7 (A)
(Points-Buccaneers 183,
Falcons 182)

ATLANTA vs. WASHINGTON
Redskins lead series, 12-3-1
1966-Redskins, 33-20 (W)
1967-Tie, 20-20 (A)
1969-Redskins, 27-20 (W)
1972-Redskins, 24-13 (W)
1975-Redskins, 30-27 (A)
1977-Redskins, 10-6 (W)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1979-Redskins, 16-7 (A)
1980-Falcons, 10-6 (A)
1983-Redskins, 37-21 (W)
1984-Redskins, 27-14 (W)
1985-Redskins, 44-10 (A)
1987-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
1989-Redskins, 31-30 (A)
1991-Redskins, 56-17 (W)
Redskins, 24-7 (W-Play)
(Points-Redskins 422, Falcons 263)

Falcons on Prime Time TV (8-11)

		Next Week (7-12)
Nov. 30, 1970 (Monday)	**Miami 20 Atlanta 7** at Atlanta (54,036) Larry Csonka gains 109 yards to pace Dolphin victory	San Francisco 24 Atlanta 20
Nov. 22, 1971 (Monday)	**Atlanta 28 Green Bay 21** at Atlanta (58,850) Bob Berry completes club record 16 of 21 passes	Minnesota 24 Atlanta 7
Nov. 20, 1972 (Monday)	**Washington 24 Atlanta 13** at Washington (53,039) Skins overcome 10-0 halftime deficit	Atlanta 23 Denver 20
Oct. 1, 1973 (Monday)	**Detoit 31 Atlanta 6** at Detroit (45, 519) Lions coast after taking 21-3 halftime lead	San Francisco 13 Atlanta 9
Nov. 19, 1973 (Monday)	**Atlanta 20 Minnesota 14** at Atlanta (58,850) QB Bob Lee is hero as Falcons trip unbeaten Vikes	Atlanta 28 N.Y. Jets 20
Oct. 28, 1974 (Monday)	**Pittsburgh 24 Atlanta 17** at Pittsburgh (48,094) Steelers break 14-14 halftime tie for victory	Miami 42 Atlanta 7
Oct. 30, 1978 (Monday)	**Atlanta 15 Los Angeles 7** at Atlanta (57,250) Mazzetti's five field goals provide all Atlanta points	Atlanta 21 San Francisco 10
Sept. 10, 1979 (Monday)	**Atlanta 14 Philadelphia 10** at Philadelphia (66,935) Andrews gains 121 rushing to key win	Denver 20 Atlanta 17
Oct. 29, 1979 (Monday)	**Seattle 31 Atlanta 28** at Atlanta (52,566) Late interceptions kill Falcons comeback bid	Atlanta 17 Tampa Bay 14
Nov. 19, 1979 (Monday)	**Los Angeles 20 Atlanta 14** at Los Angeles (54,097) Penalties costly in narrow defeat for Falcons	New Orleans 37 Atlanta 6
Oct. 5, 1981 (Monday)	**Philadelphia 16 Atlanta 13** at Philadelphia (71,488) Mistakes were costly in Atlanta's defeat	Los Angeles 37 Atlanta 35
Nov. 23, 1981 (Monday)	**Atlanta 31 Minnesota 30** at Atlanta (54,086) Four interceptions, one returned for TD by Buddy Curry clinched victory	Atlanta 31 Houston 27
Dec. 14, 1981 (Monday)	**Los Angeles 21 Atlanta 16** at Los Angeles (57,054) Andrews rushed for 115 yards in losing effort	Cincinnati 30 Atlanta 28
Dec. 19, 1982 (Sunday)	**Atlanta 17 San Francisco 7** at San Francisco (53,234) Andrews rushes for 108 yards as Falcons claim NFC playoff berth	Green Bay 38 Atlanta 7
Nov. 18, 1983 (Monday)	**Los Angeles Rams 36 Atlanta 13** at Atlanta (31,203) Dickerson rushes for 146 and Falcons turn it over four times	Atlanta 28 San Francisco 24
Oct. 22, 1984 (Monday)	**Los Angeles Rams 24 Atlanta 10** at Atlanta (52,861) Eric Dickerson rushes for 145 yards and one TD	Pittsburgh 35 Atlanta 10
Nov. 5 1984 (Monday)	**Washington 27 Atlanta 14** at Washington (51,301) Riggins scores twice. Bartkowski hurt	New Orleans 17 Atlanta 13
Oct. 28, 1990 (Sunday Night)	**Atlanta 38 Cincinnati 17** at Atlanta (53,214) Sanders sets new club record with 79 yard TD Punt Return	Pittsburgh 21 Atlanta 9
Nov. 24, 1991 (Sunday Night)	**Atlanta 23 New Orleans 20** at New Orleans K Norm Johnson makes 50-yard FG in OT; WR Haynes has 187 yards, 2 TD's	Atlanta 35 Green Bay 31

NFC Playoffs
Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13
December 24, 1978
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 49,447

After a less than scintillating first half, Steve Bartkowski turned it on for the final 30 minutes. He completed 13 of 20 for 193 yards and two touchdowns, both scoring aerials coming with less than five minutes remaining. His primary target was Wallace Francis, who scored the winning touchdown with 1:39 remaining on a 37-yard strike. He set up Bartkowski's first TD to Jim Mitchell at the 4:56 mark with a 49-yard reception down to the Eagles' 26-yard line. Francis finished the day with six catches for 135 yards. The first half was mostly a defensive struggle with teams exchanging punts eight times. The Falcons fumbled the ball away twice. One resulted in the Eagles' lone score, while the other came just 15 yards from paydirt. After leading 6-0 at halftime, Philadelphia took advantage of a shanked 17-yard punt by John James, driving 60 yards on eight plays early in the third period to take a 13-0 lead.

Philadelphia	6	0	7	0	13
Atlanta	0	0	0	14	14

Phil. — Carmichael, 13 pass from Jaworski (Kick failed)
Phil. — Montgomery, 1 run (Michel kick)
Atl. — Mitchell, 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Atl. — Francis, 37 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	Eagles
First Downs	14	15
Net Yards Gained	298	217
Rushing Yardage	75	53
Passing Yardage	223	164
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/18/2	35/19/0
Punts	7-33.1	9-33.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	3/2
Penalties	6/63	5/60

Rushing

Falcons — Stanback 16-58, Bean 9-14, Bartkowski 2-3
Eagles — Hogan 14-31, Montgomery 16-19 — 1td, Jaworski 1-3, Campfield 1-0

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 32-18-2-243-2td-2sk
Eagles — Jaworski 35-19-0-190-1td-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-135-1td, Bean 4-44, Mitchell 3-35-1td, Stanback 2-7, Pearson 1-13, Ryckman 1-5, Jackson 1-4
Eagles — Smith 7-108, Carmichael 5-45-1td, Osborne 3-15, Middlebrook 1-11, Pane 1-10, Hogan 1-6, Montgomery 1-(-5)

NFC Playoffs
Dallas 27, Atlanta 20
December 30, 1978
Texas Stadium, 60,338

A week earlier, it was a supreme second half effort which moved Atlanta one notch further in the playoffs. This week, the Falcons were shut out after intermission at which time they held a 20-13 lead. Bubba Bean had gained 60 yards in the first half, including a 14-yard scoring run, while Steve Bartkowski threw a touchdown to Wallace Francis. Tim Mazzetti rounded out the Falcons' efforts with a pair of field goals. Dallas' fortunes appeared to take a turn for the worse late in the first half when Roger Staubach left the game with an injury. Danny White came on, however, to bring Dallas from behind. He threw a tying TD pass in the third period to tight end Jackie Smith. Early in the fourth period, John James shanked a punt from the 20-yard line, allowing the Cowboys to drive in from 30 yards out in six plays.

Atlanta	7	13	0	0	20
Dallas	10	3	7	7	27

Dal. — Septien, 34 FG
Atl. — Bean, 14 run (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Laidlaw, 13 run (Septien kick)
Atl. — Mazzetti, 42 FG
Dal. — Septien, 48 FG
Atl. — Francis, 17 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Atl. — Mazzetti, 22 FG
Dal. — Smith, 2 pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal. — Laidlaw, 1 run (Septien kick)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	16	26
Net Yards Gained	216	369
Rushing Yardage	164	148
Passing Yardage	52	221
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/8/3	37/17/1
Punts	6-37.5	3-36.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	6/3
Penalties	7/69	7/65

Rushing

Falcons — Bean 17-72-1td, Stanback 9-62, Franklin 8-24, Esposito 2-6
Cowboys — Laidlaw 17-66-2td, Dorsett 14-65, White 3-(-4), Dupree 1-20, Staubach 1-3, D. Pearson 1-(-2)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-8-3-95-1td-5sk
Cowboys — White 20-10-1-127-1td-1stk, Staubach 17-7-0-105-0td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66-1td, Ryckman 1-22, Esposito 1-7
Cowboys — Dupree 5-59, D. Pearson 4-75, Smith 3-38-1td, Hill 3-36, Laidlaw 1-15, Dorsett 1-9

NFC Playoffs
Dallas 30, Atlanta 27
January 4, 1981
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 60,022

For the first three periods, it appeared as if Atlanta would move onward in the playoffs. It led Dallas 24-10 entering the final stanza and even held a 27-17 lead with five minutes left to play. But Danny White teamed up three times with Drew Pearson on a five-play, 62-yard scoring drive, the last play being a 14-yard TD strike. The Cowboys stopped Atlanta on four straight plays after the ensuing kickoff, and White drove his team 70 yards in six plays, securing the win with a 23-yard strike to Pearson with just 52 seconds to play.

Dallas	3	7	0	20	30
Atlanta	10	7	7	3	27

Atl. — Mazzetti, 38 FG
Atl. — Jenkins, 60 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Septien, 38 FG
Dal. — Dupree, 5 pass from White (Septien kick)
Atl. — Cain, 1 run (Mazzetti kick)
Atl. — Andrews, 5 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Newhouse, 1 run (Septien kick)
Atl. — Mazzetti, 34 kick
Dal. — Pearson, 14 pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal. — Pearson, 23 pass from White (Kick failed)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	18	22
Net Yards Gained	349	422
Rushing Yardage	86	112
Passing Yardage	285	310
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	33/18/1	40/25/1
Punts	4-36.0	4-38.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/1
Penalties	4/48	6/72

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 14-43, Cain 13-43-1td
Cowboys — Dorsett 10-51, Newhouse 6-31-1td, White 4-1, P. Pearson 1-11, D. Pearson 1-9, Dupree 1-5, Newsome 1-4

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 33-18-1-320-2td-4sk
Cowboys — White 39-25-1-322-3td-1sk, Springs 1-0-0-0-0td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66, Jenkins 4-155-1td, Miller 3-48, Cain 2-20, Andrews 2-19-1td, Jackson 1-12
Cowboys — D. Pearson 5-90-2td, Dorsett 5-40, Hill 4-53, P. Pearson 4-51, Springs 3-39, Dupree 3-29-1td, Johnson 1-20

NFC Playoffs
Minnesota 30, Atlanta 24
January 9, 1983
Hubert Humphrey Metrodome, 60,560

The Falcons' special teams were outstanding. On first possession Paul Davis blocked a punt which Doug Rogers recovered in the end zone for a TD. Minnesota added two field goals and a touchdown to lead 13-7 at half, before the special unit struck again, this time kicker Mick Luckhurst scoring on a 17-yard run with a pitch from holder Mike Moroski to take a 14-13 lead. A few moments later safety Bob Glazebrook intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards for a score, giving the Falcons a 21-13 lead. The roof caved in, however, at that point with the Vikings rallying for 17 points while all Atlanta could muster the rest of the way would be three.

Atlanta	7	0	14	3	24
Minnesota	3	10	3	14	30

Atl. — Rogers, fumble recovery (Luckhurst kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 33 FG
Min. — White, 36 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 30 FG
Atl. — Luckhurst, 17 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl. — Glazebrook, 35 interception (Luckhurst kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 39 FG
Min. — McCullum, 11 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Atl. — Luckhurst 41, FG
Min. — Brown, 5 run (Danmeier kick)

	Falcons	Vikings
First Downs	14	24
Net Yards Gained	235	378
Rushing Yardage	120	125
Passing Yardage	115	253
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	23/9/2	34/20/1
Punts	5-42.6	5-32.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	4/0
Penalties	7/98	10/84

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 11-48, Riggs 9-38, Cain 3-17, Luckhurst 1-17-1t
Vikings — Brown 23-81-1td, Nelson 4-24, Kramer 8-13, Galbreath 6-10, S. White 1-(-3)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-9-2-134-0td-3sk
Vikings — Kramer 34-20-1-253-2td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Jenkins 2-52, Hodge 2-29, Riggs 2-16, Kreplle 1-18, Cain 1-14, Jackson 1-5
Vikings — Senser 6-81, McCullum 4-51-1td, Galbreath 3-14, White 2-61-1td, LeCount 2-24, Young 2-13, Brown 1-9

Falcons' Historical Calendar

The Start
June 30, 1965

The NFL awards a franchise to 41-year-old Rankin M. Smith, Executive Vice President of Life Insurance Company of Georgia, for $8.5 million. At the time there were 14 NFL franchises in existence, 8 AFL clubs. Officially, Atlanta became the 23rd professional football club in existence, the 15th in the NFL prior to the merger of the Leagues.

Officially Titled
Aug. 20, 1965

"Five Smiths, Inc.," is registered as the corporate name for the Atlanta franchise. It is so named for Rankin Smith's five children: Rankin, Jr., Carrol Christine, Dorothy Ann, Taylor, and Nancy Karen.

Stockholders
Aug. 24, 1965

The listed stockholders of the franchise included: Lindsey Hopkins, Jr., Howard Dobbs, Jr., Cody Laird, Jr., I. M. Sheffield III, Dorothy Laird Williams, W. Barrett Howell, and M. E. Kilpatrick.

The Nickname
Aug. 29, 1965

"Falcons" was suggested by many with a schoolteacher from Griffin, Georgia, being singled out because of her reasons. Miss Julia Elliott said: "the Falcon is proud and dignified, with great courage and fight. It never drops its prey. It is deadly and has a great sporting tradition." A logo was designed by Wayland Moore Studios.

You Need Players
Sept. 9, 1965

Halfback Bob Paremore and split end Gary Barnes, who had been in the NFL with the Cardinals and Bears, were the first two players to sign with the Falcons.

The First Draft
Nov. 27, 1965

With the first pick in the entire draft, the Falcons chose Outland Trophy winning Linebacker Tommy Nobis from the University of Texas. After being drafted also by Houston of the AFL, he chose the Falcons on Dec. 14 and signed a contract. As the Falcons got two choices in each of the first five rounds, QB Randy Johnson of Texas A&I was the other first round pick by Atlanta. All told the Falcons gained 25 players in the 20 round draft, the last one being defensive back Bob Riggle from Penn State. Nobis is the club's Director of Marketing; while Riggle served 21 years as a team scout.

A 54-day Ticket Blitz
Nov. 1-Dec. 24, 1965

In seven weeks, the Falcons sold 45,000 season tickets surpassing the previous NFL best of 26,000 by Minnesota. Those tickets sold for $6, with club level seats costing $10 a game.

The Head Coach
Jan. 26, 1966

Norb Hecker, 39, left the Green Bay staff of Vince Lombardi to accept the job as the Falcons first head coach. He was with Lombardi seven years as they won three world titles and four conference titles. Gene Cronin, the Director of Player Personnel, deserves the distinction of being the first member of the Falcon organization named by Mr. Smith.

Supplemental Draft
Feb. 16, 1966

Allotted three picks from each of the 14 other NFL teams, the Falcons added 42 more players. Each team, who had a 40-man roster, placed 11 available for the Falcons to select from. Among those picks was their first leading rusher (Junior Coffey from Green Bay), their first leading receiver (Alex Hawkins from Baltimore), and a defensive captain (Bill Jobko from Minnesota).

Head for the Mountains
March 26, 1966

A YMCA Camp, Blue Ridge Assembly on Black Mountain, N.C. (near Asheville) is selected as the first summer training camp home.

The Merger Occurs June 8, 1966	The AFL and NFL agree to merge with a Championship Game to be played. The teams would not actually begin playing regular season games until 1970. Atlanta was assigned to the NFL's Western Conference, Coastal Division, with the Los Angeles Rams, Baltimore Colts, and San Francisco 49ers.
The First Practice July 2, 1966	Training Camp opened with some 130 players checking in for physicals and their chance to be an NFL player. One of the camp's visitors was Rev. Billy Graham, who lived just a few miles from the Blue Ridge Assembly. All told, 66 rookies reported with the vets checking in on July 9.
The First Game Aug. 1, 1966 (Preseason)	Before 26,072 at Atlanta Stadium, Philadelphia claims a 9-7 win over the Falcons. Trivia fans might want to note that QB Dennis Claridge passed one yard to Tom Wilson for the Falcons first ever touchdown (second quarter) to provide a 7-6 halftime lead.
Champions of the South Aug. 19, 1966	Falcons defeat their AFL rivals, the Miami Dolphins, 27-17, to lay claim to the championship of the South.
The First Victory Aug. 27, 1966 (Preseason)	In the fifth and final preseason game, the Falcons defeated San Francisco, 24-17, before 21,780 fans in Columbia, S.C. Rookie QB Randy Johnson made his first start and passed to Alex Hawkins for the clinching TD.
This Game Is For Real Sept. 11, 1966	The Los Angeles Rams handed the Falcons a 19-14 loss before 54,418 at Atlanta Stadium. The Rams of George Allen were led by QB Roman Gabriel (294 yards). After a 16-0 lead, Atlanta rallied to make it 16-14 before a third quarter Ram FG ended the scoring. Pre-game ceremonies included Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Governor Carl Sanders, and Mayor Ivan Allen. Falcon RB Ernie Wheelwright ran for 91 yards and caught a pass for 25 more to lead the offense.
The First Points Sept. 11, 1966	It was the second quarter when QB Randy Johnson hit Gary Barnes for a 53-yard touchdown to officially score the first points for the Atlanta Falcons.
The First Broadcasters 1966	Atlanta's WAGA-TV televised the Falcons game in that inaugural year with Ed Thilenius (U. of Georgia Announcer) and WQXI Radio broadcasting with Jack Hurst (Ga. Tech Announcer). The analyst was former player and coach Johnny Sauer.
The First Official Win Nov. 30, 1966	After nine straight losses, the Falcons claimed one for the W column at Yankee Stadium (62,746), 27-16. Former Giant Ernie Wheelwright scored two TD's receiving and ran for 51 more yards as QB Randy Johnson hit for a trio of TD's.
Tieing an NFL Record With A 1st HOME Win Dec. 11, 1966	The Falcons tied an NFL record for an expansion team (Minnesota) by winning a third game. This victim was the St. Louis Cardinals, 16-10, before 57,169. The second win had been at Minnesota with Bobby Riggle returning an interception 62 yards for a touchdown.
A General Manager Jan. 31, 1967	Frank E. Wall was promoted to GM after serving as Vice-President and Treasurer.
The First Trade Mar. 14, 1967	Falcons deal away first round draft choice to San Francisco for wide receiver Bernie Casey, tackle Jim Wilson and defensive end Jim Norton.
A New Summer Home July 18, 1967	Falcons shift training camp to East Tennessee State University, Johnson City at the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains.

A Wild Opening Sept. 17, 1967	About the time the National Anthem was finished, the Colts and Falcons started scoring. First, the Colts went the length of the field (88 yards Unitas to Mackey) and the Falcons countered with a club record 99-yard kickoff return to tie the game. The 38-31 Colt win also featured two more scoring plays over 50 yards (77 int TD by the Falcons Lee Calland and 55 TD catch by Colts Jimmy Orr).
Atlanta's First All-Pro Dec. 15, 1967	Linebacker Tommy Nobis was named to the AP all-pro team, a Falcon first. This honor followed his Rookie of the Year performance in 1966 (Bert Bell Award and Pro Football Writers Association).
A Defensive Gem Jan. 30, 1968	The Falcons (choosing 3rd in the Draft) select a defensive end from Tennessee State. After six selections to the Pro Bowl, Claude Humphrey proved to be one of the great Falcons of all-time.
Jersey Change May 13, 1968	Stripes are added to the sleeves of the jerseys, replacing the team emblem.
A New Regime Oct. 1, 1968	Norm Van Brocklin, formerly head coach of Vikings, is named to replace Norb Hecker after three games of season. Two weeks later, his Falcons beat New York, 24-21, in first meeting between Van Brocklin and his former QB, Fran Tarkenton.
Starting On the Right Foot Sept. 21, 1969	Falcons win first season opener ever, beating 49ers, 24-12, before home fans. Rookie Tight End Jim Mitchell scored two TD's and club set team record with 229 yards rushing.
Farewell to an Original Oct. 29, 1969	Running Back Junior Coffey, the last of the 42 original expansion draftees, is traded to the New York Giants.
Point Parade Nov. 21, 1969	Falcons roll up 48 points to win by 17 over Bears. The 518 yards of offense saw Randy Johnson throw for four TD's and Harmon Wages score on a 48-yard run.
The Triple Play Dec. 7, 1969	Harmon Wages had a game to remember in this 45-17 rout of the Saints. The second year back threw for a TD in the first quarter (16 yards to Flatley), then caught a pass for a TD in the second quarter (88 yards), and then ran for a TD in the fourth quarter (66 yards).
Three Straight Wins and Six for the Year 1969	Falcons close season by ending Viking 12 game win streak in 10-3 game as Claude Humphrey scores only TD of game (24 fumble return). The team finished 6-8-1, their best record ever.
Management Shifts Jan. 6, 1970	Rankin M. Smith becomes Chairman of the Board, with Frank Wall taking over the duties and title of President. Coach Van Brocklin adds title of General Manager to his list of duties.
Champs of the South Look Ready to Go Sept. 12, 1970	With a 20-17 conquest of southern rival Miami, the Falcons close with the finest preseason (4-1) in the club's five-year history.
A Passing Feat Sept. 27, 1970	In Week Two at Green Bay, QB Bob Berry sets club records with the Franchise's first 300-yard passing game (28-44 for 302), but Packers rally for 27-24 win.

Cannonball Explodes Oct. 4, 1970	Jim "Cannonball" Butler, just one week after Berry's passing record, sets a new club rushing record in the home opener againt the 49ers. The seven-year veteran set two club records that day. One was for most yards (127 on 17 carries), the other was for most fumbles (4).
Fit to Be Tied Nov. 8-15, 1970	On the road at Los Angeles and Philadelphia, Falcons chalk up back to back ties, 10-10 and 13-13, for record that still stands.
The Early Birds Get the Tickets Nov. 22, 1970	All seats were sold out 25 days in advance, a Falcon record, as the rival L.A. Rams come to town. Both Ram touchdowns were scored by the defense in a 17-7 Falcon loss.
National TV! Nov. 30, 1970	Over 30 million Monday Night TV viewers saw their first game from Atlanta as the Miami Dolphins came to town with ABC-TV. Larry Csonka (108) and Mercury Morris (76) ran away with a 20-7 Miami victory.
Inflation Hits Jan. 3, 1971	For the first time in team history, ticket prices go from $6 to $7.50, ending a five-year status quo.
A Third Summer Home Feb. 4, 1971.	Falcons elect to move summer training camp to Furman University in Greenville, S.C. and announce it will open on July 19.
A Hall of Famer Feb. 23, 1971.	Coach Norm Van Brocklin is elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
You Can't Win Them All Unless You Win the Opener Sept. 19, 1971	For a third straight year, Falcons open up with a victory. This home opener saw the Falcons defeat the division rival 49ers, 20-17.
Catch This Act Oct. 3 and Dec. 19, '71	Rookie sensation Ken Burrow made more yardage receiving in one game than any NFC receiver, and he wrote his name in the club record book TWICE. He had 190 yards at Detroit and duplicated that feat at New Orleans. All of this was done playing the final 11 games with a broken wrist.
A Winning Season Dec. 19, 1971	In dramatic fashion with 40 seconds left, the Falcons score to beat New Orleans, 24-20, to finish the season at 7-6-1, thus giving them the first winning season in club history.
A Coast to Coast Win Nov. 22, 1971	Falcons win their first Nationally televised game with a 28-21 triumph over Green Bay in Atlanta. Atlanta had 77 plays to the Packers 33, outgaining them 386-143, as Monday Night TV televised the action.
A Busy Day At The Office Feb. 1, 1972	Van Brocklin makes four trades dealing away six veterans then uses top picks for Clarence Ellis (Notre Dame DB) and acquired pick for Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan (Auburn QB).
Ups and Downs July 15, 1972	Ellis and Sullivan go to participate in College All-star game in Chicago. Ellis injures knee and requires surgery, Sullivan earns Most Valuable Player honors.
Bring in the Cavalry Aug. 31, 1972	Falcons trade with Green Bay for running back Dave Hampton, a 1,000-yard runner in 1971. Falcons gave up lineman Malcolm Snider.
A Jinx Is Ended With a 1-2 Punch Oct. 1, 1972	After 10 unsuccessful tries, Falcons finally defeat the L.A. Rams, in humiliating fashion, 31-3 at Atlanta Stadium. Hampton and Art Malone set a club record by each running for over 100 yards (161 Hampton and 103 Malone).

An "Unofficial" 1,000
Dec. 17, 1972

Dave Hampton technically was the club's first 1,000- yard rusher. At Kansas City, the veteran running back scampered around end for his 1,000th yard. However, his next carry was a six-yard loss and his final carry a one-yard gain. Thus, he ended at 995, never officially getting his name in the Falcon record book.

The First 50
Dec. 17, 1972

RB Art Malone became the first Falcon to ever catch 50 passes in a season, leading the club for a second consecutive season.

Trade Time
Jan. 22, 1973
May 14, 1973

Falcons swap #1 pick in draft for DT Mike Tilleman, who led the NFL in 1972 with 14 sacks at Houston. QB Bob Lee and LB Lonnie Warwick come from Minnesota for QB Bob Berry and a #1 pick.

Lighting Up the Scoreboard
Sept. 16, 1973

Opening against New Orleans, Falcons smash 35 team records en route to 62-7 victory.

General Lee Takes Charge
Oct. 14, 1973

QB Bob Lee gets first start and responds with leadership en route to 46-6 rout of Chicago Bears.

Getting A Kick Out of It
Nov. 4, 1973

Falcons come from 10-0 deficit to upset rival Rams behind club record five field goals from Nick Mike-Mayer.

Big Finish
Nov. 11, 1973

With 24 fourth quarter points, Falcons break 20-20 tie to wallop Eagles, 44-27.

Monday Night Madness
Nov. 19, 1973

Unbeaten Vikings (9-0) come to town to face surging Falcons (five in a row) before national audience. No Falcon fan is disappointed as club responds to challenge with 20-14 win for 6th straight.

7 + 1 = 8
Nov. 25, 1973

With seventh straight win (over Jets, 28-20) Falcons win eighth game for most ever in a season.

"Hard-Luck" Hampton and the "So Close" Falcons
1973

After missing by five yards for a 1,000-yard season last year, Dave Hampton comes even closer this year. Needing 87 yards in the finale, he gets just 84 and finishes three yards shy of the magic number. The Falcons are equally close, finishing 9-5 for their most wins and best record ever, but losing out for the playoffs by one game.

An Original Streaker
Spring, 1974

Ken Reaves, an original member of the Atlanta Falcons since 1966, is part of a trade with the Saints. Reaves had played in all 112 games consecutively, setting a club record with 29 pass interceptions.

A Coaching Change
Nov. 5/6, 1974

After a 2-6 start, Norm Van Brocklin is fired as Head Coach/General Manager and defensive coordinator Marion Campbell is elevated to the Head coaching post.

Trading for the Future
Jan. 27, 1975

In order to obtain the rights to the number one pick in the college draft, the Falcons send offensive tackle George Kunz and a draft choice to Baltimore. Falcons also gol a 6th round pick (and took LB Fulton Kuykendall).

The Future Is Here
Jan. 28, 1975

With that top choice, the Falcons select all-America QB Steve Bartkowski from California.

A Managerial Move
Feb. 26, 1975

Pat Peppler is named Falcons General Manager.

Hooray for Hampton Dec. 21, 1975	Running Back Dave Hampton becomes first Falcon to gain 1,000 yards rushing (1,002) with 61 in final game vs. Green Bay.
A Big Catch May 5, 1976	Wide Receiver John Gilliam, who played out his option after nine years (350 catches) is signed.
A Coaching Change Oct. 11, 1976	After 1-4 start, Pat Peppler takes over as interim Head Coach for Marion Campbell.
A Come-From-Behind Sweet Upset Nov. 21, 1976	By scoring all 17 points in the 4th quarter, the Falcons rally for 17-10 upset of playoff-bound Cowboys.
"O" My Dec. 5, 1976	Rams pour it on in 59-0 whitewashing of Falcons.
Front Office Moves Feb. 1-3, 1977	Former NFL quarterback Eddie LeBaron is named General Manager, with Rankin M. Smith, Jr. assuming the title of Club President. Two days later, Leeman Bennett, a Rams assistant becomes fifth Head Coach in club history.
A Positive Start Sept. 18, 1977	Bennett's debut is a sweet 17-6 win over the rival Rams before 55,956 in Atlanta. Scott Hunter fills in for injured Bartkowski and defeats a Joe Namath-led Ram squad.
Zero Hour Nov. 27, 1977	In shutout of Bucs, Falcons set club record by allowing just 78 total yards. It is also the second 0 performance by the defense on the season, also a club first.
NFL Record! 1977 Defense	With 35-7 final win over Saints, Falcons establish new NFL modern day record for 14-game season by allowing just 129 points all year as club finishes 7-7.
Ground Breaking Apr. 3, 1978	Construction of a new year-round training facility begins in Suwanee to give Falcons NFL's finest complex.
A New Look Aug. 19, 1978	Falcons unveil new uniforms.
First Home Shutout Oct. 15, 1978	By holding the Lions to just 22 yards rushing, the Falcons post their first shutout at home, 14-0.
June Jones and the Gritz Blitz Go National Oct. 30, 1978	In their first national TV game in four years, the Falcons lose Bartkowski in 2nd quarter. Enter June Jones, kicker Tim Mazzetti's five field goals, and the hard-hitting Gritz Blitz defense and you have a 15-7 Rams upset.
"Big Ben Right" Nov. 12, 1978	With 2:23 remaining the Falcons were trailing 17-6 at their own 20-yard line. An 80-yard march made it 17-13 with 59 seconds left. With 19 seconds left, Bartkowski threw 57 yards into a cluster where Alfred Jackson caught a pass deflected by Wallace Francis and the Falcons clock struck victory.

A Second Chance Dec. 9, 1978	With no time remaining Tim Mazzetti missed a 37-yard FG against the Redskins. A penalty gave him a second chance and he nailed a 32-yard FG that was to end up later being a playoff clinching kick.
Clinching a Playoff Berth the Easy Way Sat., Dec. 15, 1978	When Redskins lose to Bears, Falcons are ensured their first Playoff berth. The next day, LA beat Green Bay to give the Falcons a home field game.
Dealing the Wild Card Dec. 24, 1978	With two TD's in the final eight minutes, the Falcons overcame the rainy weather to win their Playoff game over the Eagles, 14-13. The Christmas Eve present to the fans was not complete until the Eagles missed a 34-yard FG in the final seconds. Merry Christmas!
Valiant Underdogs Dec. 30, 1978	As 14-point underdogs in Texas Stadium, the Falcons came ready to win. They jumped out to a 20-13 halftime lead and knocked QB Roger Staubach unconscious just before the half. The home-team Cowboys regained the lead 27-20 as the Falcons marched for a tieing score. With 4th-and-1 at the Cowboy 32, the Falcons came up inches short and never got the ball back.
William Who? Sept. 2, 1979	Third-round draft choice William Andrews made his NFL debut memorable with a club-record 167 yard effort in a 40-34 overtime win at the Superdome. Each team gained over 500 yards offense before Falcons won with special teams interception TD.
Bart's Barrage & The Lost Coin Toss Sept. 16, 1979	Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 326 yards (20 of 29) vs. Denver in Atlanta. A missed Falcon field goal meant another overtime game. Unfortunately, the visiting Broncos won the coin toss, received, and drove for the winning FG without Bartkowski ever getting a chance to rally the Falcons.
Easy As 1,2,3 Oct. 14, 1979	Rookie RB Lynn Cain set a club record by scoring three touchdowns in a game in loss to Raiders.
Adding Up the Totals Dec. 16, 1979	Records were broken for the season by William Andrews with 1,023 yards, by Wallace Francis with 74 catches for 1,013 yards and by Steve Bartkowski with 2,502 yards (203-379).
Atlanta Air Force Sept. 21, 1980	Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 332 yards vs. Dolphins. A blocked Falcon field goal led to a winning Dolphin field goal with 32 seconds remaining in 20-17 loss. The 1-2 Falcons have lost by one and three points but are ready to take off flying through the NFL.
The Bigger They Are, The Harder They Fall Sept. 28/ Oct. 5, 1980	Undefeated opponents fall on successive weekends to the Falcons. First, the 49ers are upset 20-17 at Candlestick, then with a record-breaking 34-point first half, the Lions fall, 43-28.
Steve's Heroics Oct.-Nov., 1980	Bartkowski was hot and the Falcons caught fire. First, he had a club-tieing 4 TD game vs. Saints, then a 54-yard TD on 4th and 11 with 1:15 left to beat the Rams, then two weeks later a club record 378-yard game in win over St. Louis in overtime.
How the West Was Won Dec. 14, 1980	Bartkowski's 28th, 29th and 30th TD passes, Andrews' sixth 100-yard game and a rugged defense led to a 35-10 rout of the 49ers and the Falcons had earned their first-ever NFC Western Division Title. The win was the Falcons 9th straight and 12th of the season, both club bests.

Heartbreak in Georgia Jan. 5, 1981	Leading 24-10 heading into the 4th quarter, Falcons end up on short end of 30-27 score as Cowboys rally for 20 points in Atlanta Fulton County Stadium before record 60,022 fans.
Aloha Feb. 1, 1981	Record six Falcons selected to Pro Bowl as Bartkowski passes for new high 178 yards (55 TD to Alfred Jenkins) to lead NFC to 21-7 win.
They Can't Win If They Don't Score Sept. 6, 1981	Falcon defense sets tone with first-ever shutout in season opening 27-0 win over New Orleans. For good measure, the defense even scored a TD of their own with a fumble recovery.
You Had To See It To Believe It, Folks Sept. 13, 1981	Green Bay Packer fans were enjoying a 17-0 lead after three quarters, but no one knew what was in store next. In a nine-minute span, the Falcons erupted for an NFL record tieing 31 points (4 TD's, 1 FG) to win 31-17.
Good News, Bad News Sept. 20, 1981	Atlanta fans were treated to a 34-17 thumping of the rival 49ers (soon to be Super Bowl bound) and the fastest start in club history, 3-0. The Falcons had now won 12 of the last 13 regular season games and 14 of last 15. Tommy Pridemore even set a club record with a 101-yard interception return. The bad news: three starters were lost in a five-minute span (LB Joel Williams, DE Jeff Merrow and T Warren Bryant).
Who Was That Guy? Oct. 11, 1981	Despite scoring 35 points and gaining 349 yards, Falcons lost to Rams, 37-35, as Leroy Irvin set an NFL record by returning six punts for 207 yards (75 and 84 yard TDs).
2 + 2 = 4 Oct. 18, 1981	William Andrews and Alfred Jenkins each gained over 100 yards receiving and each scored two touchdowns as Steve Bartkowski set a club mark with 4 TD passes in 41-20 rout of St. Louis.
Dueling QB's Nov. 15, 1981	Steve Bartkowski rewrites Falcon record book with 33 of 50 for 416-yard performance. Terry Bradshaw is equal to the task with 5 TD passes as Steelers win 34-20.
Numbers To Remember 1981 Season	The team will look back on seven losses of five points or less as to why they were 7-9. The defeats were by 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, and 5 points. Individually, records were set by Steve Bartkowski (3,830 yards), William Andrews (81 catches), Alfred Jenkins (1,358 yards, 13 TDs-3 in one game), and Mick Luckhurst (114 points). A team high seven Falcons are picked for the Pro Bowl.
No More Tickets May 17, 1982	Season ticket sales are halted after reaching a club record 55,144.
It's Never Over 'Til It's Over Sept. 12, 1982	With the Giants leading, 14-7, and deep in Falcon territory in the 4th quarter, the season opener wasn't going as planned. However, Bob Glazebrook returned a fumble for a club-record 91 yards and then Mick Luckhurst won the game with 58 seconds remaining for a 17-14 Falcon triumph.
Striking Out Sept. 21, 1982	NFL Players Association calls a strike after two games and players walk out. Eight games were missed, seven cancelled, in strike that lasted until Nov. 17 (57 days).
Back on Track Nov. 21, 1982	In first game after strike, William Andrews gains 207 yards (119 rush, 88 rec.) and rookie Gerald Riggs scores his first two NFL TD's in 34-17 win over Rams. Falcons are 2-1 and thinking playoffs in short season.
Way To Go, Alfred Nov. 28, 1982	Alfred Jenkins gets his 306th career catch to set club mark. However, a 67-yard Johnson punt return TD is called back and a tieing FG sailed wide as Falcons lost to St. Louis, 23-20.

The Jinx Is Broken Oct. 7, 1984	For the first time in 19 long years, the Falcons won at Los Angeles. It wasn't easy, of course, as Mick Luckhurst had to kick a 37-yard FG as time expired after Bartkowski completed two fourth-down passes to keep the winning drive alive. Cain rushed for three TD's also in 30-28 win to set club mark.
A Catchy Record Dec. 2, 1984	Receiver Alfred Jackson broke the club record with 11 catches for 193 yards vs. San Francisco in 35-17 loss.
Landing A Big One April 30, 1985	Pitt's 280-pound offensive lineman, Bill Fralic, was selected by Falcons as second choice in entire NFL draft.
"White Shoes" Is #1 Sept. 8, 1985	Billy 'White Shoes" Johnson becomes the NFL's all-time career punt returner with 58 yards against Detroit.
Bull's eye Sept.-Oct., 1985	Kicker Mick Luckhurst sets club record for consecutive field goals with 10 and then adds to it until streak runs out at 17 vs. Dallas.
A Sudden Ending Nov. 10, 1985	Trailing 17-0 after three quarters, Falcons rallied to tie 17-17 and had a chance to win on final play of regulation when FG sailed wide. In OT, Eagles Ron Jaworski hit Mike Quick for an equally quick record tieing 99-yard TD.
Running Wild Nov. 1985	Gerald Riggs set club record for career rushing TDs, tied record for single game TDs, and had a club record five consecutive 100 yard rushing games.
Waiving Bye-Bye Nov. 27, 1985	Steve Bartkowski is released after five weeks on injured reserve and is claimed by Washington for final two weeks.
Determined Gerald Dec. 22, 1985	With 158 yards in the 16-10 win over New Orleans, Gerald Riggs had a club best 9 100-yard games and a season record 1,719 yards to lead the entire NFC.
Ins and Outs Dec. 23-24, 1985	Eddie LeBaron, V-P and chief executive officer, is dismissed, while Dan Henning is given a one-year contract extension. Henning then hires former Falcon head coach Marion Campbell as defensive coordinator.
Picking and Choosing April 29, 1986	Using some draft picks and trading others for players, the Falcons landed eight players (five starters) as a result of this one day's selection process. Drafted were Lombardi Trophy winner, Tony Casillas, LB Tim Green, WR Floyd Dixon, and RB Keith Williams. Coming in trades were starters LB Reggie Wilkes, LB Joel Williams, S Bret Clark and QB Turk Schonert.
A Record Start Sept. 1986	The Falcons came out roaring with four straight wins over New Orleans, St. Louis, Dallas and Tampa Bay for the best-ever start in club history. The Cowboy game featured a 10-point rally with a game-winning FG with 20 seconds left and the Buc game featured a 20-7 come-from-behind win with an overtime FG the decider. Gerald Riggs ran for a touchdown in each game to tie a club mark. The opener also featured the return of William Andrews after a two-year layoff following knee surgery.
Leading the Way Oct. 12, 1986	In a game that featured the return of QB Steve Bartkowski to Atlanta (as an LA Ram), the Falcons rolled to a 26-14 win to up their mark to 5-1. The next week, the Falcons fought to an overtime tie with the 49ers to stay atop the Western Division.

M*A*S*H Dec. 5, 1982	Some 18 players from both squads limped off or were carried from the field in brutal 34-27 Falcon win at Mile High Stadium. A safe Mick Luckhurst became the first Falcon kicker to ever make two 50-plus yard field goals in the same game.
A National Clinch Dec. 19, 1982	With a powerful 17-7 win over the Super Bowl Champion 49ers before a national Sunday Night audience, the Falcons become third NFC team to clinch a playoff berth as they up record to 5-2. Team controlled ball for 43 minutes to 17 for 49ers and ran the ball 57 times for 223 yards.
Indoor Playoffs Jan. 9, 1983	Falcons journeyed to Minnesota's Metrodome for the opening round Playoff game and led 7-3 after one quarter and 21-16 after three quarters, but Vikings rallied for 30-24 win. In an oddity, all 24 Falcon points were scored by the special teams (blocked punt for TD, pass to Luckhurst for TD, and FG) and the defense (Glazebrook TD interception).
Changing of The Guard Jan. 14-Feb. 1, 1983	Leeman Bennett is released after six seasons and Dan Henning, from the World Champion Washington Redskins, is hired as the sixth head coach in Falcon history.
A Happy Debut Sept. 4, 1983	At Soldier Field, Falcons come from behind twice to defeat Bears, 20-17, to open on successful note for Coach Henning.
Road Warriors Sept. 18, 1983	On the road at Detroit, Falcons romp 30-14 for Henning's second straight road win. Andrews carried a club record 32 times (150 yards), with Bartkowski hitting his 10th 300 game (366) and adding to his streak of 107 passes without an interception.
Broken Streaks Oct. 9-Oct. 16 1983	Alfred Jenkins 4th longest receiving streak in NFL history stopped at 103 games vs. Rams and Steve Bartkowski's streak of 197 consecutive passes without an interception ends vs. New Orleans.
"Big Ben" Chimes Again Nov. 20, 1983	Trailing 24-21, Bartkowski lofts desperation pass 42 yards to five-yard line where ball is deflected to stumbling Billy Johnson, who fights into end zone for 28-24 upset win.
A Two-Time Hero Nov. 27, 1983	Kenny Johnson became only the 12th player in NFL history to score two TD's in the same game with interceptions. His first one put the Falcons ahead of Green Bay, 41-34, but the Pack came back to force overtime. With another chance to be the hero, Johnson returned an interception 31 yards to win the game.
Stats to Remember Dec. 18, 1983	William Andrews sets new club record with 331 rushes for 1,567 yards. Steve Bartkowski has third 3,000-yard season and sets mark with 63.4% completion rate and just 1.1% interception rate (5 in 432), while C Jeff Van Note starts his 200th game as a Falcon.
Surgery for William Aug. 21, 1984	Falcon all-time leading rusher, William Andrews, injures knee ligaments, cartilage and nerve in practice session and is out indefinitely.
A New Leader Sept. 2, 1984	Gerald Riggs gets the starting call and sets new club records with 35 attempts for 202 yards in 36-28 opening win at the Superdome in New Orleans.
Point Parade Sept. 9, 1984	K Mick Luckhurst becomes the club's all-time leading scorer with his 271st career point.

Injured Quarterbacks
Nov. 23, 1986

At Candlestick Park, the 49ers Joe Montana made his third start after back surgery that some said would side line him for the season or even his career. Meanwhile, the Falcons had a new starter in Turk Schonert as Dave Archer was lost for the year in the previous week's 13-10 loss to the Super Bowl champion Bears. Both completed 21 passes with only six yards difference, but the 49ers prevailed 20-0.

A Note of Thanks
Dec. 14, 1986

It was Jeff Van Note day at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium as the 18-year veteran center was honored after 246 games. With all his family present, he was presented gifts including a vintage 1957 Chevy (symbolic of his #57 and being a classic). Mick Luckhurst extended his club record to 117 consecutive PAT's.

Falcons Get Their Man
April 28, 1987

When it came time for the Falcons to make their No. 1 selection (13th overall) on draft day '87, they took no time at all in choosing a player they coveted from the beginning; namely, Oregon QB Chris Miller. The last time the birds used their top pick on a QB was in 1975 when Steve Bartkowski fit the bill.

Super Bowl Champs Go Down, Johnson's Records Adding Up
Sept. 20, 1987

After being drubbed 48-10 at Tampa Bay in the season opener the Falcons rebound to defeat the eventual World Champion Washington Redskins 21-20 in front of over 50,000 fans at Fulton-County. QB Scott Campbell made his first start in two years (and first in a Falcon uniform) replacing Dave Archer and completed 17-34 passes for 271 yards and two TD's to supply the offensive spark. Billy "White Shoes" Johnson added another milestone to his brilliant career by becoming the NFL's all-time leading punt returner, registering his 259th lifetime return.

Strike Two!!
Sept. 22, 1987

The NFL Players Association walks off the job for the second time in five years but only one game is cancelled. The League's owners decide to continue with replacement players. "Regulars" report back to work 24 days later but still not in time for the League's mandatory limit and miss another game.

Play (Hard) Ball!!
Oct. 4-18, 1987

The NFL goes along with its idea to compete with replacement players while the union walks the picket line. The Falcons are forced to play against strikebreaking "veterans" at home in all three games such as Ernest Jackson, Mike Webster, Nolan Cromwell and 1988 Pro Bowlers Joe Montana, Roger Craig and Charles White (League's leading rusher). Atlanta drops close contests against Pittsburgh and San Francisco but dumps the L.A. Rams 24-20 despite trailing 17-0 at halftime

Record Breaking Session By Riggs Spells Doomsday For Dallas
Dec. 6, 1987

Gerald Riggs becomes the club's all-time leading rusher surpassing William Andrews with a five-yard run in the third quarter at Dallas giving the six-year pro from Arizona State a career total of 5,987 yards. Riggs finishes up the day with 119 yards to help the Falcons break a seven-game losing streak and knock the Cowboys out of the playoffs for the second straight year with a 21-10 victory in Texas Stadium.

Crowning Achievements
Dec. 27, 1987

Rick Donnelly and Sylvester Stamps claim a pair of NFL individual titles because of what they did and didn't do against the Lions in the season finale. Donnelly goes toe-to-toe with Detroit's Jim Arnold and wins the League's punting title with a 44.03 average. The Lions kick away from dangerous return man Stamps and he maintains his NFL lead without actually fielding a KOR all day to end the year with a League-best 27.5 average.

"Five Seasons Rolled Into One"
1987 Season

That's how Falcons Head Coach Marion Campbell summed up the 1987 campaign. It's not too far fetched when you consider: a total of 114 players donned a Falcon jersey (including replacement players) and a combined 26 players missed 145 games due to injuries...some 46 players were credited with at least one tackle on defense, while 27 players caught a pass and 22 ran from scrimmage...there were 17 players who returned a kick with 16 others who scored...and would you believe five different quarterbacks started a game, or how about five different starters at free safety, or five who started at H-Back, or five who punted...

Falcons Hammer Super Bowl Champs at Home
Sept. 18, 1988

Atlanta handed Super Bowl XXIII Champion 49ers their second worst defeat of the entire year 34-17 behind a potent offense and opportunistic defense. Touchdown runs by rookie James Primus (29 yds.) and Gerald Riggs (3 yds.) were complemented by Chris Miller's 1-yard bootleg for a score to end the first half as the upstart Falcons built a 21-3 lead at intermission and never looked back. The birds defense picked off three Joe Montana passes, and four total, and Robert Moore's 47 yard interception return for a score in the beginning of the 4th quarter put the exclamation point on a total team win. Riggs finished with 115 yards rushing and the Falcons could boast they have beaten the last two World Champions in back-to-back seasons.

Bombs Away!
Oct. 30, 1988

Young leader QB Chris Miller engineered a come-from-behind victory over eventual NFC East winning Eagles on the road behind some strong arm tactics. The former No. 1 pick threw scoring tosses of 19 and 17 yards to keep the score close. Then, trailing 24-20 with 9:20 left on the clock, Miller split two Eagle defenders and hit a striding Michael Haynes with a perfect 49-yard TD strike for the game winner (which snapped the Falcons five-game losing streak). It was the first time Miller passed for three TD's in a game in his short NFL career and marked a victorious return to Philadelphia for ex-Eagle coach Marion Campbell.

Stingy "D"
Nov. 6 - Dec. 18, 1988

The improving Falcon defense was among the best in the NFL during the second half of the '88 season. Atlanta's "baby boomers" (average age of 25) allowed only six touchdowns over the final seven games (three via pass) to rise to 11th place (tie) in the League in points allowed (19.7 per contest). The stingy unit was second in the League in points allowed over the last half of the season surrendering an average of 12 points per outing. Marion Campbell's crew was 7th in total takeaways with 38 in 1988 including 24 interceptions, which trailed only Vikings, Bears and Eagles.

Making a Case for Himself
Nov. 6-27, 1988

CB Scott Case laid claim to a spot in the Pro Bowl by being named NFC Defensive Player of the Month for November. Case intercepted five passes (two each vs. Packers and Raiders), registered a forced fumble and QB sack and made 20 tackles with nine passes defensed to help the Falcons to a 3-1 record during the month.

Bruce Sacks Award
Nov. 23, 1988

Rookie OLB Aundray Bruce was honored as the NFC's Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the Falcons 12-6 victory over the Raiders. Bruce recorded two sacks, an interception, one forced fumble and one recovered fumble, two QB hurries and four tackles. The NFL's No. 1 draft pick sacked Raider QB Steve Beuerlein, which caused him to fumble, and Bruce recovered at LA's 12-yard line with 6:12 remaining in the game. The Falcons went on to score the winning touchdown and nail down their third victory in four games. Bruce's interception came while he was covering former Auburn teammate Bo Jackson 30-yards downfield.

Settling for a Place in History
Dec. 18, 1988

RB John Settle put his name in the League's record book by becoming the first free agent in NFL history since the 1970 merger to gain 1000 yards in a season as he rushed for 66 yards against the Saints to finish with 1024. Paul Lowe (Chargers) and Clem Daniels (Raiders) of the AFL were the only other undrafted players to accomplish the feat (in 1963 and 1965). The former Appalachian State star was fourth in the NFL in total yards (1594) and the club leader in receptions with 68 as he garnered his first trip to the Pro Bowl.

A Case of a Perfect 10
Dec. 18, 1988

CB Scott Case picked off his 10th pass of the year against the Saints to finish atop the NFL charts. Case set a new Falcon record for interceptions in a season eclipsing the old mark of nine by Rolland Lawrence in 1975. The Oklahoma product stole seven passes in the second half of the season when the young Falcons defense began to jell.

Pro Bowl Bonanza
1988 season

Three Falcon players were voted to the NFC-AFC Pro Bowl for the first time since 1983. G Bill Fralic missed an opportunity to start his third straight game because of a knee problem. Case and Settle were voted in by their peers for the first time and helped the NFC win as Settle scored on a 1-yard TD run and Case held his own against the League's best receivers.

Two for One
April, 1989

The Falcons ended up with two number one draft picks as Ken Herock selected CB Deion Sanders with the 5th overall pick, then later traded with Cincinnati to get the 27th pick and take WR Shawn Collins. Both would go on to earn all-Rookie NFL recognition.

Prime Time Scores Twice
1989

Deion "Prime Time" Sanders ends his lengthy Sept. contract holdout and reports to camp. He takes a Friday practice and Saturday walk through and puts on the football pads for the first time in seven months in the season opener vs. the Rams. In the first quarter, Deion returns a punt 68 yards for a touchdown. After hitting a home run for the New York Yankees earlier that week, it makes him the only modern day athlete to hit a HR and score a TD in the same week.

Herschel and GA Homecoming
Sept. 17, 1989

Heisman trophy winning Herschel Walker returns to Homecoming, his native Georgia, for his first NFL game. The hometown Falcons spoil his party, but the sellout crowd enjoys a 27-21 Atlanta win over the Cowboys and Herschel.

Tragedy
Nov.-Dec., 1989

Rookie offensive lineman, Ralph Norwood, is killed Nov. 24 in a single car accident in Gwinnett County on the day after Thanksgiving...Less than a month later, TE Brad Beckman is killed as a passenger in an auto accident on I-85 in Gwinnett County.

I Resign
Nov. 28, 1989

Head Coach Marion Campbell announces his resignation after 12 games (3-9), leaving assistant Head Coach Jim Hanifan to take over for the final four games.

Good Job
Dec. 1989

Guard Bill Fralic goes to a fourth consecutive Pro Bowl (the only guard in the NFL to do so). Rookie WR Shawn Collins leads all NFL rookies and sets a club rookie mark with 58 catches, while fellow rookie Deion Sanders gains post-season recognition by leading all rookie DB's with five thefts and gaining over 1,000 yards in returns.

Glanville Accepts
Jan. 14, 1990

Former Falcons assistant and Houston Oilers head coach Jerry Glanville accepts the offer to become the Falcons Head Coach. The 48-year old returns to the team he helped to three playoffs and an NFC West title as defensive coordinator of the "Grits Blitz."

A First Feb. 27, 1990	Canadian All-Star QB Gilbert Renfroe signs a free agent contract after four seasons with the Toronto Argonauts. The Tennessee State alum becomes the first black QB in Atlanta Falcons history.
Back in Black March 20, 1990	The Falcons announce plans for their 25th Anniversary season that include going back to their original black jerseys of 1966. In addition black helmets are unveiled along with the 25th logo patches for the uniforms.
Showstopping Trade April 20, 1990	With the number one pick overall in the Draft, the Falcons deal with the Colts for six-time Pro Bowl lineman, Chris Hinton, all-rookie WR Andre Rison, and next year's #1 pick.
That's Super! May 23, 1990	Falcons owner Rankin Smith leads the way in securing Super Bowl XXVIII for the City of Atlanta at the NFL Owners Meeting in Dallas.
Perfect! Aug., 1990	With a 45-14 rout of the New England Patriots, the Falcons close their first-ever undefeated preseason at 4-0, setting a TV viewing record in the process.
Heroes of the Heart Sept. 7, 1990	Coach Glanville and the Chambers Development Company team for a charity concert. Performers Gary Morris, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Kris Kristofferson come to Lakewood to kick off the opening Texas weekend.
Opening Day Sept. 9, 1990	Houston, Jerry Glanville's former team, comes to town to face the new black-clad Falcons. With the defense scoring three touchdowns, the Falcons win in a rout, 47-27, before sellout crowd.
Reunion Oct. 14, 1990	Over 120 former Falcons return for the Alumni 25th Anniversary dinner-dance at the Ritz-Carlton in Buckhead. The Falcons also had honorary alumni as captains at every home game in '90.
National TV Oct. 28, 1990	With a national TV audience watching for the first time since 1984, the Falcons storm the Cincinnati Bengals, 38-17. The prime time viewers see "Prime Time" Deion Sanders set a club record with a 79-yard punt return TD in what was TNT's highest rated game of the season.
Happy Ending Dec. 30, 1990	With the Dallas Cowboys coming to town, needing a win to secure a playoff berth, the Falcons close out with a second straight win and a 26-7 romp behind a club-record 68-yard run by Mike Rozier. The Falcons donated 2,000 tickets from the sellout to the USO for servicemen to attend.
What a Catch 1990 Season	WR Andre Rison sets a club mark with 82 pass receptions en route to a Pro Bowl berth.
Improvement 1990 Season	The Falcons led the NFL with a 3.3 per carry rush defense as the improving Birds moved up in over 20 statistical categories from the previous season.
Two-Timer Jan. 30, 1991	Deion Sanders becomes both an Atlanta Brave and an Atlanta Falcon as he signs a baseball contract. He's the first to play two sports in the same city in 30 years.
Stock Sale March 28, 1991	A pair of Atlanta businessmen join the Board of Directors by acquiring 6% each of the outstanding stock of the company. John P. Imlay, Jr., 54, and attorney Tom Watson Brown, 58, join the team.
Big Ben III Rings Nov. 3, 1991	QB Billy Joe Tolliver, subbing for injured Chris Miller, lofted a 44-yard "Big Ben" pass caught in a crowd of seven players by WR Michael Haynes with nine seconds remaining. That gave the Falcons a 17-14 victory and season sweep over the San Francisco 49ers. San Francisco had just taken the lead with only 53 seconds left in the game.

Coming Up 3's
Nov. 17, 1991

The Falcons go on a scoring spree in the second quarter and set a new club record for most points in one quarter with 33. WR Andre Rison scores 3 TD's (18 of the 33 points) with scores of 39, 12 and 15 yards. Rison also tied a club record for most points scored by an individual in a game. The 33 in a quarter were seventh highest-ever in NFL history.

West Coast Sweep

Atlanta recorded an NFL rarity by sweeping all western opponents either on the road or at home. The Falcons were 7-0, defeating the Rams and the 49ers twice, along with the Raiders, Chargers and the Seahawks. Atlanta was the only team in 1991 to defeat the 49ers in Candlestick Park.

Kenn's 200th
Nov. 24, 1991

LT Mike Kenn surpassed the 200 games played and started at New Orleans in his 14th season with the Falcons. Mike currently stands at 204 games, second behind OL Jeff Van Note who played in 246 games and started 225.

Long Flights

WR Michael Haynes led the entire NFL in average yardage per catch with a 22.4 rate (the NFL's highest since 1983). Mike had 50 receptions on the year for 1,122 yards and 11 touchdowns. His 11 touchdowns catches averaged 44.9 yards per play as he recorded 12 receptions over 30 yards.

Prince of Thieves

CB's Deion Sanders and Tim McKyer both co-led the NFC in interceptions with six thefts apiece.

100 Yards - Hammer Time!!
Oct. 13, 1991

Deion Sanders took a second half Forty-Niner kickoff a club record 100 yards for a touchdown to put the birds back on top and helped in giving the Falcons the only NFL win all year in San Francisco. Rap star Hammer became the Falcons official good luck charm as this was the first visit of many in the 1991 season. Deion, Rison, and Glanville had recently appeared in Hammer's popular video "Too Legit To Quit."

National OT Victory
Nov. 24, 1991

The Falcons scored 10 points in the last two minutes of regulation to send the New Orleans game into overtime on ESPN's Pigout Game of the Week. A 54-yard completion from QB Chris Miller to WR Michael Haynes set up the 50-yard field goal by K Norm Johnson for the OT win before ESPN's largest TV audience of the season.

The Tuggle Struggle

Falcon LB Jessie Tuggle, who has had over 200 consecutive tackles the past two seasons, has led the entire NFL in tackles only to be forgotten when All-Pro teams and Pro Bowl selections were made. A 1992 Pro Bowl selection rejection, Tuggle was recognized as a first team All-Pro pick by Sports Illustrated.

4 of a Kind

CB Deion Sanders, WR Andre Rison, QB Chris Miller and RT Chris Hinton all represented the Falcons in the 1992 Pro Bowl. Miller lossed the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter to WR Jerry Rice for an NFC victory. Sanders had one interception and also saw action on offense late in the game. Rison had two receptions as well. Hinton became the first NFL player to be voted in at three different positions.

Road Kill

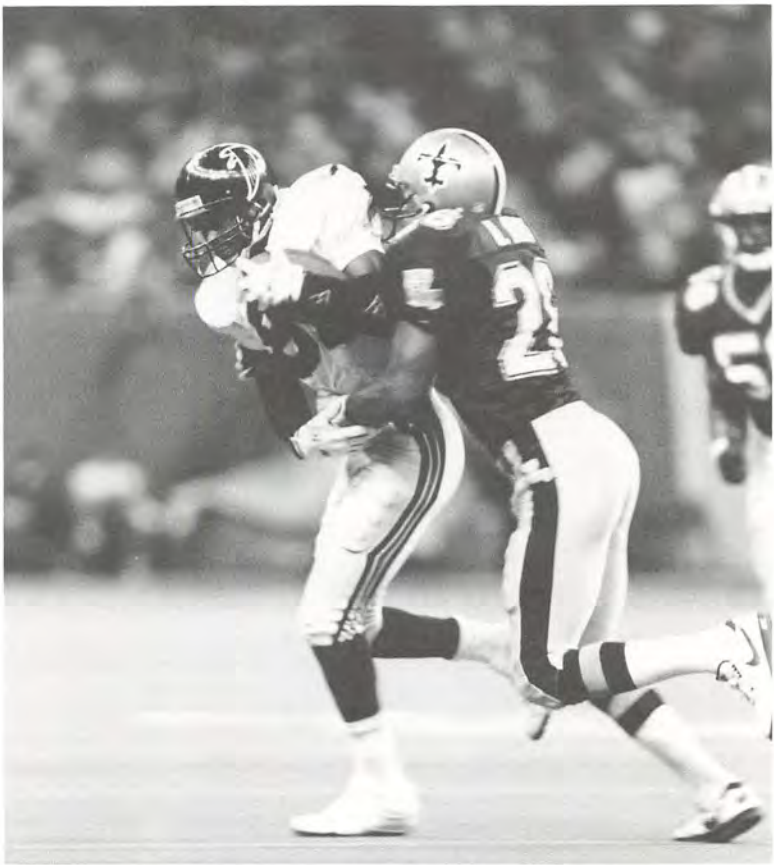
The Falcons made club history as they swept through their NFC West road trips by defeating the Rams 31-14 in Anaheim, dropping New Orleans in Overtime 23-20 at the Superdome, and by giving the 49ers their only loss in 1991 at Candlestick Park 39-34. This was the first time ever the birds had beaten all their division rivals on the road.

One Last Time
A Final Game
Outdoors
Dec. 15, 1991

A sellout crowd witnessed the Falcons' final home game of the 1991 season, as well as the birds' final game in Fulton-County Stadium. Atlanta defeated the Seattle Seahawks, 26-13, to run their home win streak to five straight. NFL thieves Tim McKyer and Deion Sanders combined on a 55-yard interception and lateral for a memorable touchdown. On hand with the 59,000 fans were Hammer, World Heavy Weight Champion Evander Holyfield, singer Wayne Newton, and country and western group Diamond Rio.

Playoff Win!
Dec. 29, 1991

On the road at arch-rival New Orleans on ABC's national TV, the Falcons came from 10 points down to win their first-ever Playoff game away from home. New Orleans native Michael Haynes scored two touchdowns, including the game winning 61-yarder in the fourth quarter, then CB Tim McKyer ended any suspense by intercepting a pass.



Michael Haynes hauled in scoring passes from 20 and 61 yards out in the second half to help the Falcons record their first-ever Playoff road win at New Orleans.

Preseason Results

(OVERALL RECORD: 52-69-1)

1966 (1-4)

Philadelphia at Atlanta (20,072) 7-9
St. Louis at St. Louis (34,303) 10-20
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (20,945) 7-14
Cleveland at Atlanta (48,548) 3-42
San Francisco at Columbia (21,780) 24-17

1967 (2-2-1)

N.Y. Giants at Ithaca (20,000) 10-10
Miami at Miami (50,822) 27-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (52,240) 34-31
Minnesota at Cleveland (1st game of doubleheader) (84,236) 3-16
N.O. at New Orleans (67,486) 14-27

1968 (1-4)

Washington at Tampa (42,180) 14-16
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (14,555) 13-17
N.Y. Jets at Birmingham (27,406) 12-27
N.O. at Atlanta (49,832) 16-10
Miami at Miami (36,122) 13-19

1969 (2-4)

Philadelphia at Portland (21,625) 13-7
Boston at Boston (24,084) 34-16
Washington at Atlanta (56,990) 7-24
N.O. at New Orleans (69,898) 17-21
K.C. at Kansas City (37,273) 10-14
Green Bay at Canton (17,411) 24-38

1970 (4-1)

N.Y. Jets at Winston-Salem (19,700) 33-7
Washington at Washington (35,186) 13-21
Kansas City at Atlanta (56,990) 22-17
Buffalo at Buffalo (30,869) 10-7
Miami at Miami (50,259) 20-17

1971 (3-2)

Kansas City at K.C. (37,403) 10-12
Denver at Memphis (22,474) 27-10
Buffalo at Atlanta (53,090) 35-24
New England at Foxboro (48,631) 45-35
San Diego at San Diego (32,555) 14-21

1972 (1-4)

San Diego at San Diego (41,404) 7-30
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (53,288) 17-31
Miami at Miami (75,372) 10-24
New York Jets at Atlanta (37,806) 3-9
Cincinnati at Cincinnati (55, 804) 44-14

1973 (2-3)

Baltimore at Atlanta (57,122) 34-10
New England at Atlanta (56,238) 27-10
Cleveland at Knoxville, Tenn. (40,831) 17-20
Cincinnati at Atlanta (55,863) 20-31
Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh (50,350) 0-19

1974 (4-2)

Philadelphia at Philadelphia (15,379) 23-7
Oakland at Berkeley (34,319) 16-28
Cincinnati at Grant Field (44,127) 7-13
Houston at Houston (27,116) 10-6
Baltimore at Atlanta (50,085) 23-7
Denver at Denver (43,253) 20-14

1975 (3-3)

Washington Redskins at Washington (18,444) 16-14
Baltimore at Lincoln, Neb. (43,097) 10-3
Oakland at Atlanta (39,878) 7-22
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta (34,387) 13-16
Buffalo at Tampa, Fla. (41,212) 14-16
Philadelphia at Atlanta (28,675) 17-14

1976 (2-4)

Washington at Atlanta (38,808) 10-17
Cleveland at Stillwater, Okla. (24,227) 7-31
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, Fla. (11,342) 3-17
New England at Atlanta (23,495) 17-28
Baltimore at Atlanta (24,986) 21-7
Green Bay at Milwaukee, Wisc. (54,989) 26-7

1977 (3-3)

St. Louis at St. Louis (24,667) 3-0
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta (28,954) 2-17
Denver at Atlanta (21,239) 2-10
Tampa Bay at Orlando (31,123) 30-21
Kansas City at Kansas City (22,748) 24-16
New England at New England (41,346) 10-29

1978 (2-2)

New York Jets at New York (31,480) 20-17
Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh (46,444) 7-13
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,306) 7-24
Washington at Washington (29,487) 10-7

1979 (0-4)

New England at Atlanta (53,228) 14-37
St. Louis at St. Louis (39,705) 17-42
Washington at Atlanta (52,478) 6-16
Green Bay at Green Bay (55,416) 35-45

1980 (1-3)

Seattle at Seattle (59,555) 10-14
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (55,695) 14-17
San Diego at San Diego (47,184) 9-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (42,983) 51-35

1981 (2-3)

Cleveland at Canton, O. (23,921) 10-24
Oakland at Oakland (42,697) 16-17
New York Jets at Atlanta (51,163) 21-20
Minnesota at Minnesota (42,908) 19-20
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (53,688) 27-7

1982 (2-2)

Minnesota at Atlanta (49,831) 20-17
Baltimore at Phoenix (56,748) 3-34
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,175) 24-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (62,933) 0-34

1983 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (46,052) 13-10
Denver at Denver (73,199) 10-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (57,237) 6-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (37,420) 10-7

1984 (1-3)

Minnesota at Minnesota (51,693) 6-37
New Orleans at New Orleans (58,502) 21-31
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (29,610) 52-21
Denver at Atlanta (30,988) 13-24

1985 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (30,574) 14-17
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (34,040) 23-17
Green Bay at Milwaukee (49,703) 24-28
Miami at Atlanta (32,768) 19-17

1986 (2-2)

New York Giants at Atlanta (25,445) 31-24
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (28,797) 20-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (33,637) 21-27
Atlanta at Washington (52,619) 21-29

1987 (1-3)

Buffalo at Atlanta (31,166) 19-14
Kansas City at Kansas City (39,164) 10-13
Cleveland at Atlanta (35,960) 3-23
New England at Jacksonville (59,129) 13-14

1988 (2-2)

New England at New England (32,949) 34-30
Kansas City at Atlanta (23,369) 13-27
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (18,141) 19-14
Washington at Birmingham (51,400) 17-34

1989 (1-3)

Philadelphia at Philadelphia (40,145) 17-23
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (28,330) 0-27
New England at Atlanta (21,118) 7-23
Buffalo at Jacksonville (41,813) 36-17

1990 (4-0)

Washington at Chapel Hill, N.C. (52,036) 31-27
Cincinnati at Atlanta (43,472) 34-17
Green Bay at Milwaukee (51,069) 17-14
New England at New England (24,106) 45-14

1991 (2-2)

LA Rams at Jacksonville (66,531) 38-17
Houston at Houston (52,140) 36-7
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (41,983) 7-12
Dallas at Dallas (53,689) OT 17-20

FALCONS IN UNIFORM: "BACK IN BLACK"

Jersey: This is the same jersey worn in the Falcons first season in 1966. Black with white letters outlined in red. Sleeve features Falcon logo on each sleeve. The white number with red trim is on the shoulders.

The white jersey has black letters and numbers trimmed in red. The sleeves feature the Falcon logo trimmed in red.

Pants: Gray with shiny front with a red stripe down each leg, bordered by two thinner white stripes, bordered by two wider black stripes and completed with a black belt.

Socks: Solid black over white.

Shoes: White (Brand preferences by players) with black trim.

Helmet: Black with a black face mask. The black Falcon logo is outlined in white on both sides of the helmet that has no stripes.

Year-by-Year Scores

1966 (3-11)
Seventh Place, Eastern Conference
Coach: Norb Hecker

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-11	**Los Angeles**	**14**	**19**	**(L)**	**54,418**
9-18	at Philadelphia	10	23	(L)	54,049
9-25	at Detroit	10	28	(L)	47,615
10-2	**Dallas**	**14**	**47**	**(L)**	**56,990**
10-9	at Washington	20	33	(L)	50,116
10-16	**San Francisco**	**7**	**44**	**(L)**	**54,788**
10-23	at Green Bay	3	56	(L)	48,623
10-30	**Cleveland**	**17**	**49**	**(L)**	**57,235**
11-13	**Baltimore**	**7**	**19**	**(L)**	**58,850**
11-20	at New York Giants	27	16	(W)	62,746
11-27	at Chicago	6	23	(L)	44,777
12-4	at Minnesota	20	13	(W)	37,117
12-11	**St. Louis**	**16**	**10**	**(W)**	**57,169**
12-18	**Pittsburgh**	**33**	**57**	**(L)**	**56,229**
		204	437		

1967 (1-12-1)
Fourth Place, Coastal Division
Coach: Norb Hecker

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-17	at Baltimore	31	38	(L)	56,715
9-24	at San Francisco	7	38	(L)	30,207
10-1	at Green Bay	0	23	(L)	49,467
10-8	**Philadelphia**	**7**	**38**	**(L)**	**53,868**
10-15	**Washington**	**20**	**20**	**(T)**	**56,538**
10-22	at Detroit	3	24	(L)	50,601
10-29	**Minnesota**	**21**	**20**	**(W)**	**52,859**
11-5	at Dallas	7	37	(L)	54,751
11-12	**Baltimore**	**7**	**49**	**(L)**	**58,850**
11-19	**Los Angeles**	**3**	**31**	**(L)**	**56,871**
11-20	at New Orleans	24	27	(L)	83,437
12-3	at Los Angeles	3	20	(L)	46,395
12-10	**San Francisco**	**28**	**34**	**(L)**	**51,798**
12-17	**Chicago**	**14**	**23**	**(L)**	**54,107**
		175	422		

1968 (2-12)
Fourth Place, Coastal Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-9);
Norb Hecker (0-3)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-14	at Minnesota	7	47	(L)	45,563
9-22	**Baltimore**	**20**	**28**	**(L)**	**50,428**
9-29	at San Francisco	13	28	(L)	27,471
10-6	**Green Bay**	**7**	**38**	**(L)**	**58,850**
10-13	**New York Giants**	**24**	**21**	**(W)**	**49,962**
10-20	at Los Angeles	14	27	(L)	54,443
10-27	at Cleveland	7	30	(L)	67,723
11-3	**Pittsburgh**	**21**	**41**	**(L)**	**47,727**
11-10	**Los Angeles**	**10**	**17**	**(L)**	**53,979**
11-17	at Chicago	16	13	(W)	44,214
11-24	at St. Louis	12	17	(L)	43,246
12-1	at Baltimore	0	44	(L)	60,238
12-8	**Detroit**	**7**	**24**	**(L)**	**49,437**
12-15	**San Francisco**	**12**	**14**	**(L)**	**44,977**
		170	389		

1969 (6-8)
Third Place, Coastal Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-21	**San Francisco**	**24**	**12**	**(W)**	**45,940**
9-28	at Los Angeles	7	17	(L)	58,031
10-5	**Baltimore**	**14**	**21**	**(L)**	**57,806**
10-12	**Dallas**	**17**	**24**	**(L)**	**54,833**
10-19	at San Francisco	21	7	(W)	28,684
10-26	at Green Bay	10	28	(L)	50,861
11-2	**Los Angeles**	**6**	**38**	**(L)**	**58,850**
11-9	at Detroit	21	27	(L)	53,242
11-16	**Chicago**	**48**	**31**	**(W)**	**53,722**
11-23	at Washington	20	27	(L)	50,345
11-30	at Baltimore	6	13	(L)	60,238
12-7	**New Orleans**	**45**	**17**	**(W)**	**51,021**
12-14	at Philadelphia	27	3	(W)	60,658
12-21	**Minnesota**	**10**	**3**	**(W)**	**52,872**
		276	268		

1970 (4-8-2)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-20	at New Orleans	14	3	(W)	77,042
9-27	at Green Bay	24	27	(L)	56,263
10-4	**San Francisco**	**21**	**20**	**(W)**	**58,850**
10-11	at Dallas	0	13	(L)	53,611
10-18	at Denver	10	24	(L)	50,705
10-25	**New Orleans**	**32**	**14**	**(W)**	**58,850**
11-1	**Chicago**	**14**	**23**	**(L)**	**58,850**
11-8	at Los Angeles	10	10	(T)	67,232
11-15	at Philadelphia	13	13	(T)	55,425
11-22	**Los Angeles**	**7**	**17**	**(L)**	**58,850**
11-30	**Miami**	**7**	**20**	**(L)**	**54,036**
12-6	at San Francisco	20	24	(L)	41,387
12-13	**Pittsburgh**	**27**	**16**	**(W)**	**54,162**
12-20	**Minnesota**	**7**	**37**	**(L)**	**57,992**
		206	261		

1971 (7-6-1)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-19	**San Francisco**	**20**	**17**	**(W)**	**56,990**
9-26	at Los Angeles	20	20	(T)	57,895
10-3	at Detroit	38	41	(L)	54,418
10-10	**St. Louis**	**9**	**26**	**(L)**	**58,850**
10-17	**Los Angeles**	**16**	**24**	**(L)**	**58,850**
10-24	**New Orleans**	**28**	**6**	**(W)**	**58,850**
10-31	at Cleveland	31	14	(W)	76,825
11-7	at Cincinnati	9	6	(W)	59,604
11-14	**New York Giants**	**17**	**21**	**(L)**	**58,850**
11-22	**Green Bay**	**28**	**21**	**(W)**	**58,850**
11-28	at Minnesota	7	24	(L)	49,784
12-5	**Oakland**	**24**	**13**	**(W)**	**58,850**
12-12	at San Francisco	3	24	(L)	44,582
12-19	at New Orleans	24	20	(W)	75,954
		274	277		

1972 (7-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-17	at Chicago	37	21	(W)	55,701
9-24	at New England	20	21	(L)	60,999
10-1	**Los Angeles**	**31**	**3**	**(W)**	**58,850**
10-8	**Detroit**	**23**	**26**	**(L)**	**58,850**
10-15	at New Orleans	21	14	(W)	66,294
10-22	at Green Bay (Mil)	10	9	(W)	47,967
10-29	**San Francisco**	**14**	**49**	**(L)**	**58,850**
11-5	at Los Angeles	7	20	(L)	75,081
11-12	**New Orleans**	**36**	**20**	**(W)**	**58,850**
11-20	at Washington	13	24	(L)	53,039
11-26	**Denver**	**23**	**20**	**(W)**	**58,850**
12-3	**Houston**	**20**	**10**	**(W)**	**58,850**
12-10	at San Francisco	0	20	(L)	61,214
12-17	**Kansas City**	**14**	**17**	**(L)**	**58,850**
		269	274		

1973 (9-5)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-16	at New Orleans	62	7	(W)	66,428
9-23	at Los Angeles	0	31	(L)	64,528
10-1	at Detroit	6	31	(L)	45,519
10-7	**San Francisco**	**9**	**13**	**(L)**	**58,850**
10-14	**Chicago**	**46**	**6**	**(W)**	**58,850**
10-21	at San Diego	41	0	(W)	41,527
10-28	at San Francisco	17	3	(W)	56,825
11-4	**Los Angeles**	**15**	**13**	**(W)**	**58,850**
11-11	at Philadelphia	44	27	(W)	63,114
11-19	**Minnesota**	**20**	**14**	**(W)**	**58,850**
11-25	at New York Jets	28	20	(W)	61,327
12-2	**Buffalo**	**6**	**17**	**(L)**	**58,850**
12-9	**St. Louis**	**10**	**32**	**(L)**	**58,850**
12-16	**New Orleans**	**14**	**10**	**(W)**	**58,850**
		318	224		

1974 (3-11)
Fourth Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-6);
Marion Campbell (1-5)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-15	**Dallas**	**0**	**24**	**(L)**	**57,322**
9-22	**San Francisco**	**10**	**16**	**(L)**	**47,686**
9-29	at New Orleans	13	14	(L)	62,273
10-6	at New York Giants	14	7	(W)	50,415
10-13	**Chicago**	**13**	**10**	**(W)**	**47,835**
10-20	**New Orleans**	**3**	**13**	**(L)**	**47,127**
10-28	at Pittsburgh	17	24	(L)	48,094
11-3	at Miami	7	42	(L)	64,399
11-10	at Los Angeles	0	21	(L)	70,056
11-17	**Baltimore**	**7**	**17**	**(L)**	**41,278**
11-24	at San Francisco	0	27	(L)	45,435
12-1	**Los Angeles**	**7**	**30**	**(L)**	**18,648**
12-7	at Minnesota	10	23	(L)	47,105
12-15	**Green Bay**	**10**	**3**	**(W)**	**10,020**
		111	271		

1975 (4-10)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Marion Campbell

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-21	at St. Louis	20	23	(L)	42,172
9-28	**Detroit**	**14**	**17**	**(L)**	**45,218**
10-5	**New Orleans**	**14**	**7**	**(W)**	**29,444**
10-12	at San Francisco	17	3	(W)	44,043
10-19	at Los Angeles	7	22	(L)	64,843
10-26	**Cincinnati**	**14**	**21**	**(L)**	**45,811**
11-2	at New Orleans	7	23	(L)	49,342
11-9	at Minnesota	0	38	(L)	43,751
11-16	**Los Angeles**	**7**	**16**	**(L)**	**44,595**
11-23	**Denver**	**35**	**21**	**(W)**	**28,686**
11-30	at Oakland	34	37ot	(L)	50,860
12-7	**Washington**	**27**	**30**	**(L)**	**52,809**
12-14	**San Francisco**	**31**	**9**	**(W)**	**38,501**
12-21	at Green Bay	13	22	(L)	56,267
		240	289		

1976 (4-10)
Fourth Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Marion Campbell (1-4)
Pat Peppler (3-6)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-12	**Los Angeles**	**14**	**30**	**(L)**	**53,607**
9-19	at Detroit	10	24	(L)	50,840
9-26	at Chicago	10	0	(W)	41,029
10-3	**Philadelphia**	**13**	**14**	**(L)**	**45,535**
10-10	at New Orleans	0	30	(L)	51,521
10-17	**Cleveland**	**17**	**20**	**(L)**	**33,364**
10-23	at San Francisco	0	15	(L)	50,240
10-31	**New Orleans**	**23**	**20**	**(W)**	**34,127**
11-7	at Seattle	13	30	(L)	57,985
11-14	**San Francisco**	**21**	**16**	**(W)**	**20,058**
11-21	**Dallas**	**17**	**10**	**(W)**	**54,992**
11-28	at Houston	14	20	(L)	25,838
12-4	at Los Angeles	0	59	(L)	57,366
12-12	**Green Bay**	**20**	**24**	**(L)**	**23,436**
		172	312		

1977 (7-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-18	**Los Angeles**	**17**	**6**	**(W)**	**55,956**
9-25	at Washington	6	10	(L)	55,031
10-2	**New York Giants**	**17**	**3**	**(W)**	**46,374**
10-9	at San Francisco	7	0	(W)	38,009
10-16	at Buffalo	0	3	(L)	27,348
10-23	at Chicago	16	10	(W)	49,407
10-30	**Minnesota**	**7**	**14**	**(L)**	**59,257**
11-6	**San Francisco**	**3**	**10**	**(L)**	**46,577**
11-13	**Detroit**	**17**	**6**	**(W)**	**47,451**
11-20	at New Orleans	20	21	(L)	43,135
11-27	at Tampa Bay	17	0	(W)	43,592
12-4	**New England**	**10**	**16**	**(L)**	**57,911**
12-11	at Los Angeles	7	23	(L)	52,574
12-18	**New Orleans**	**35**	**7**	**(W)**	**36,895**
		179	129		

1978 (9-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
NFC Wildcard Team
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-3	**Houston**	**20**	**14**	**(W)**	**57,328**
9-10	at Los Angeles	0	10	(L)	46,201
9-17	**Cleveland**	**16**	**24**	**(L)**	**56,648**
9-24	at Tampa Bay	9	14	(L)	58,072
10-1	**New York Giants**	**23**	**20**	**(W)**	**47,765**
10-8	at Pittsburgh	7	31	(L)	48,202
10-15	**Detroit**	**14**	**0**	**(W)**	**51,172**
10-22	at San Francisco	20	17	(W)	34,133
10-30	**Los Angeles**	**15**	**7**	**(W)**	**57,250**
11-5	**San Francisco**	**21**	**10**	**(W)**	**55,468**
11-12	at New Orleans	20	17	(W)	70,323
11-19	at Chicago	7	13	(L)	46,022
11-26	**New Orleans**	**20**	**17**	**(W)**	**55,121**
12-3	at Cincinnati	7	37	(L)	25,601
12-10	**Washington**	**20**	**17**	**(W)**	**54,176**
12-17	at St. Louis	21	42	(L)	40,022
12-24	**Philadelphia**	**14**	**13**	**(W)**	**49,447**
12-31	at Dallas	20	27	(L)	60,338
		240	290		

1980 (12-4)
NFC Western Division Champion
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-7	at Minnesota	23	24	(L)	44,773
9-14	at New England	37	21	(W)	48,321
9-21	**Miami**	**17**	**20**	**(L)**	**54,479**
9-28	at San Francisco	20	17	(W)	56,518
10-5	**Detroit**	**43**	**28**	**(W)**	**57,652**
10-12	**New York Jets**	**7**	**14**	**(L)**	**57,458**
10-19	at New Orleans	41	14	(W)	62,651
10-26	**Los Angeles**	**13**	**10**	**(W)**	**57,401**
11-2	at Buffalo	30	14	(W)	57,959
11-9	at St. Louis	33	27ot	(W)	48,662
11-16	**New Orleans**	**31**	**13**	**(W)**	**53,871**
11-23	**Chicago**	**28**	**17**	**(W)**	**49,164**
11-30	**Washington**	**10**	**6**	**(W)**	**55,665**
12-7	at Philadelphia	20	17	(W)	70,205
12-14	**San Francisco**	**35**	**10**	**(W)**	**55,767**
12-21	at Los Angeles	17	20ot	(L)	62,469
1-4	**Dallas**	**27**	**30**	**(L)**	**60,022**
		405	272		

1982 (5-4)
Fifth Place, NFC
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-12	at N.Y. Giants	16	14	(W)	74,286
9-19	**L.A. Raiders**	**14**	**38**	**(L)**	**54,774**
11-21	**L.A. Rams**	**34**	**17**	**(W)**	**39,686**
11-28	**St. Louis**	**20**	**23**	**(L)**	**33,411**
12-5	at Denver	34	17	(W)	75,103
12-12	**New Orleans**	**35**	**0**	**(W)**	**39,535**
12-19	at San Francisco	17	7	(W)	53,234
12-26	**Green Bay**	**7**	**38**	**(L)**	**50,245**
1-2	at New Orleans	6	35	(L)	47,336
	*at Minnesota	24	30	(L)	60,560
	*NFC Playoffs				
	#No Division titles declared				
		183	199		

1979 (6-10)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-2	at New Orleans	40	34ot	(W)	70,940
9-10	at Philadelphia	14	10	(W)	55,935
9-16	**Denver**	**17**	**20ot**	**(L)**	**57,677**
9-23	at Detroit	23	24	(L)	56,249
9-30	**Washington**	**7**	**16**	**(L)**	**56,819**
10-7	**Green Bay**	**25**	**7**	**(W)**	**56,184**
10-14	at Oakland	19	50	(L)	52,900
10-21	at San Francisco	15	20	(L)	33,952
10-29	**Seattle**	**28**	**31**	**(L)**	**52,566**
11-4	**Tampa Bay**	**17**	**14**	**(W)**	**55,150**
11-11	at N.Y. Giants	3	24	(L)	60,860
11-19	at Los Angeles	14	20	(L)	54,097
11-25	**New Orleans**	**6**	**37**	**(L)**	**42,815**
12-2	at San Diego	28	26	(W)	50,198
12-9	**Los Angeles**	**13**	**34**	**(L)**	**49,236**
12-16	**San Francisco**	**31**	**21**	**(W)**	**37,211**
		300	388		

1981 (7-9)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Leeman Bennett

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-6	**New Orleans**	**27**	**0**	**(W)**	**57,406**
9-13	at Green Bay	31	17	(W)	55,382
9-20	**San Francisco**	**34**	**17**	**(W)**	**56,653**
9-27	at Cleveland	17	28	(L)	78,283
10-5	at Philadelphia	13	16	(L)	71,488
10-11	**Los Angeles**	**35**	**37**	**(L)**	**57,841**
10-18	**St. Louis**	**41**	**20**	**(W)**	**51,428**
10-25	**N.Y. Giants**	**24**	**27ot**	**(L)**	**48,410**
11-1	at New Orleans	41	10	(W)	63,637
11-8	at San Francisco	14	17	(L)	59,127
11-15	**Pittsburgh**	**20**	**34**	**(L)**	**57,485**
11-23	**Minnesota**	**31**	**30**	**(W)**	**54,086**
11-29	at Houston	31	27	(W)	40,201
12-6	at Tampa Bay	23	24	(L)	69,221
12-14	at Los Angeles	16	21	(L)	57,054
12-20	**Cincinnati**	**28**	**30**	**(L)**	**35,972**
		426	355		

1983 (7-9)
Fourth Place, NFC West
Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-4	at Chicago	20	17	(W)	60,165
9-11	**New York Giants**	**13**	**16ot**	**(L)**	**52,850**
9-18	at Detroit	30	14	(W)	54,622
9-25	at San Francisco	20	24	(L)	57,814
10-2	**Philadelphia**	**24**	**28**	**(L)**	**50,621**
10-9	**New Orleans**	**17**	**19**	**(L)**	**51,654**
10-16	at L.A. Rams	21	27	(L)	50,404
10-23	at N.Y. Jets	27	21	(W)	46,878
10-30	**New England**	**24**	**13**	**(W)**	**47,546**
11-6	at New Orleans	10	27	(L)	67,062
11-14	**L.A. Rams**	**13**	**36**	**(L)**	**31,203**
11-20	**San Francisco**	**28**	**24**	**(W)**	**32,782**
11-27	**Green Bay**	**47**	**41ot**	**(W)**	**35,688**
12-4	at Washington	21	37	(L)	52,074
12-10	at Miami	24	31	(L)	56,725
12-18	**Buffalo**	**31**	**14**	**(W)**	**31,015**
		370	389		

1984 (4-12)
Fourth Place, NFC West
Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-2	at New Orleans	36	28	(W)	66,652
9-9	**Detroit**	**24**	**27ot**	**(L)**	**49,878**
9-16	at Minnesota	20	27	(L)	53,955
9-23	**Houston**	**42**	**10**	**(W)**	**45,248**
9-30	at San Francisco	5	14	(L)	57,990
10-7	at Los Angeles	30	28	(W)	47,832
10-14	**N.Y. Giants**	**7**	**19**	**(L)**	**50,268**
10-22	**Los Angeles**	**10**	**24**	**(L)**	**52,861**
10-28	at Pittsburgh	10	35	(L)	55,971
11-5	at Washington	14	27	(L)	51,301
11-11	**New Orleans**	**13**	**17**	**(L)**	**40,590**
11-18	**Cleveland**	**7**	**23**	**(L)**	**28,280**
11-25	at Cincinnati	14	35	(L)	44,678
12-2	**San Francisco**	**17**	**35**	**(L)**	**29,644**
12-9	at Tampa Bay	6	23	(L)	33,808
12-16	**Philadelphia**	**26**	**10**	**(W)**	**15,582**
		281	382		

1985 (4-12)
Fourth Place, NFC West
Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-8	**Detroit**	**27**	**28**	**(L)**	**37,785**
9-15	at San Francisco	16	35	(L)	58,923
9-22	**Denver**	**28**	**44**	**(L)**	**37,903**
9-29	at L.A. Rams	6	17	(L)	49,870
10-6	**San Francisco**	**17**	**38**	**(L)**	**44,740**
10-13	at Seattle	26	30	(L)	60,430
10-20	**New Orleans**	**31**	**24**	**(W)**	**44,784**
10-27	at Dallas	10	24	(L)	57,941
11-3	**Washington**	**10**	**44**	**(L)**	**42,209**
11-10	at Philadelphia	17	23ot	(L)	63,694
11-17	**L.A. Rams**	**30**	**14**	**(W)**	**29,960**
11-24	at Chicago	0	36	(L)	65,790
12-1	**L.A. Raiders**	**24**	**34**	**(L)**	**20,585**
12-8	at Kansas City	10	38	(L)	18,199
12-15	**Minnesota**	**14**	**13**	**(W)**	**14,167**
12-22	at New Orleans	16	10	(W)	37,717
		282	452		

1986 (7-8-1)
Third Place, NFC West
Coach: Dan Henning

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-7	at New Orleans	31	10	(W)	67,950
9-14	**St. Louis**	**33**	**13**	**(W)**	**46,463**
9-21	at Dallas	37	35	(W)	62,880
9-28	at Tampa Bay	23	20ot	(W)	38,950
10-5	**Philadelphia**	**0**	**16**	**(L)**	**57,104**
10-12	**L.A. Rams**	**26**	**14**	**(W)**	**51,662**
10-19	**San Francisco**	**10**	**10ot**	**(T)**	**55,306**
10-26	at L.A. Rams	7	14	(L)	56,993
11-2	at New England	17	25	(L)	60,597
11-9	**N.Y. Jets**	**14**	**28**	**(L)**	**53,476**
11-16	**Chicago**	**10**	**13**	**(L)**	**55,520**
11-23	at San Francisco	0	20	(L)	58,747
11-30	at Miami	20	14	(W)	53,762
12-7	**Indianapolis**	**23**	**28**	**(L)**	**30,397**
12-14	**New Orleans**	**9**	**14**	**(L)**	**39,994**
12-21	at Detroit	20	6	(W)	35,255
		280	280		

1987 (3-12)
Fourth Place, NFC West
Coach: Marion Campbell

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-13	at Tampa Bay	10	48	(L)	51,250
9-20	**Washington**	**21**	**20**	**(W)**	**50,882**
9-27	at New Orleans (cancelled)				
10-4	**Pittsburgh**	**12**	**28**	**(L)**	**16,667**
***10-11**	**San Francisco**	**17**	**25**	**(L)**	**8,684**
10-18	**Los Angeles**	**24**	**20**	**(W)**	**15,813**
10-25	at Houston	33	37	(L)	29,062
11-1	**New Orleans**	**0**	**38**	**(L)**	**42,196**
11-8	at Cleveland	3	38	(L)	71,135
11-15	**Cincinnati**	**10**	**16**	**(L)**	**25,758**
11-22	at Minnesota	13	24	(L)	53,866
11-29	**St. Louis**	**21**	**34**	**(L)**	**15,909**
12-6	at Dallas	21	10	(W)	40,103
12-13	at Los Angeles	0	33	(L)	43,310
*12-20	at San Francisco	7	35	(L)	54,698
12-27	**Detroit**	**13**	**30**	**(L)**	**13,906**
		205	436		

* Site change due to baseball playoffs

1988 (5-11)
Fourth Place, NFC West
Coach: Marion Campbell

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-4	at Detroit	17	31	(L)	31,075
9-11	**New Orleans**	**21**	**29**	**(L)**	**48,901**
9-18	at San Francisco	34	17	(W)	60,168
9-25	at Dallas	20	26	(L)	39,702
10-2	**Seattle**	**20**	**31**	**(L)**	**28,619**
10-9	**LA Rams**	**0**	**33**	**(L)**	**30,852**
10-16	at Denver	14	30	(L)	75,287
10-23	**NY Giants**	**16**	**23**	**(L)**	**45,092**
10-30	at Philadelphia	27	24	(W)	60,091
11-6	**Green Bay**	**20**	**0**	**(W)**	**29,952**
11-13	**San Diego**	**7**	**10**	**(L)**	**26,329**
11-20	at LA Raiders	12	6	(W)	40,967
11-27	**Tampa Bay**	**17**	**10**	**(W)**	**14,020**
12-4	**San Francisco**	**3**	**13**	**(L)**	**44,048**
12-11	at LA Rams	7	22	(L)	42,828
12-18	at New Orleans	9	10	(L)	60,566
		244	315		

1989 (3-13)
Fourth Place, NFC West
Coach: Marion Campbell (3-9)
Jim Hanifan (0-4)

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-10	**LA Rams**	**21**	**31**	**(L)**	**38,708**
9-17	**Dallas**	**27**	**21**	**(W)**	**55,285**
9-24	at Indianapolis	9	13	(L)	57,816
10-1	at Green Bay	21	23	(L)	54,647
10-8	at LA Rams	14	26	(L)	52,182
10-15	**New England**	**16**	**15**	**(W)**	**39,697**
10-22	at Phoenix	20	34	(L)	33,894
10-29	at New Orleans	13	20	(L)	65,153
11-5	**Buffalo**	**30**	**28**	**(W)**	**45,267**
11-12	at San Francisco	3	45	(L)	59,914
11-19	**New Orleans**	**17**	**26**	**(L)**	**53,173**
11-26	at New York Jets	7	27	(L)	40,429
12-3	**San Francisco**	**10**	**23**	**(L)**	**43,128**
12-10	at Minnesota	17	43	(L)	58,116
12-17	**Washington**	**30**	**31**	**(L)**	**37,501**
12-24	**Detroit**	**24**	**31**	**(L)**	**7,792**

1990 (5-11)
Fourth Place, NFC Western Div.
Coach: Jerry Glanville

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-9	**Houston**	**47**	**27**	**(W)**	**56,222**
9-16	at Detroit	14	21ot	(L)	48,961
9-23	at San Francisco	13	19	(L)	62,858
10-7	**New Orleans**	**28**	**27**	**(W)**	**57,401**
10-14	**San Francisco**	**35**	**45**	**(L)**	**57,921**
10-21	at L.A. Rams	24	44	(L)	54,761
10-28	**Cincinnati**	**38**	**17**	**(W)**	**53,214**
11-4	at Pittsburgh	9	21	(L)	57,093
11-11	at Chicago	24	30	(L)	62,855
11-18	**Philadelphia**	**23**	**24**	**(L)**	**53,755**
11-25	at New Orleans	7	10	(L)	68,629
12-2	at Tampa Bay	17	23	(L)	42,839
12-9	**Phoenix**	**13**	**24**	**(L)**	**36,222**
12-16	at Cleveland	10	13	(L)	46,536
12-23	**L.A. Rams**	**20**	**13**	**(W)**	**30,021**
12-30	**Dallas**	**26**	**7**	**(W)**	**50,097**
		348	365		

1991 (10-6)
Second Place, NFC West
NFC Wild Card Team
Coach: Jerry Glanville

Date		Atl.	Opp.		
9-1	at Kansas City	3	14	(L)	74,246
9-8	**Minnesota**	**19**	**20**	**(L)**	**50,936**
9-15	at San Diego	13	10	(W)	44,804
9-22	**L.A. Raiders**	**21**	**17**	**(W)**	**53,615**
9-29	**New Orleans**	**6**	**27**	**(L)**	**56,556**
* 10-13	at San Francisco	39	34	(W)	57,343
10-20	at Phoenix	10	16	(L)	24,124
10-27	**L.A. Rams**	**31**	**14**	**(W)**	**50,187**
*** 11-3**	**San Francisco**	**17**	**14**	**(W)**	**51,259**
11-10	at Washington	17	56	(L)	52,641
11-17	**Tampa Bay**	**43**	**7**	**(W)**	**41,274**
11-24	at New Orleans	23	20	(W)	68,591
12-1	**Green Bay**	**35**	**31**	**(W)**	**43,270**
12-8	at L.A. Rams	31	14	(W)	35,315
12-15	**Seattle**	**26**	**13**	**(W)**	**55,834**
12-22	at Dallas	27	31	(L)	60,962
12-29	at New Orleans	17	20	(W)	68,794
1-4-92	at Washington	7	24	(L)	55,181
		395	382		

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1992 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
(First Weekend)

1. Cincinnati at Seattle 1:00
2. Cleveland at Indianapolis 12:00
3. Detroit at Chicago 12:00
4. Kansas City at San Diego 1:00
5. Los Angeles Rams at Buffalo 1:00
6. Minnesota at Green Bay 12:00
7. New England at Miami 4:00
8. New Orleans at Philadelphia 1:00
9. New York Jets at Atlanta 1:00
10. Phoenix at Tampa Bay 4:00
11. Pittsburgh at Houston 12:00
12. San Francisco at New York Giants 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 6

13. Los Angeles Raiders at Denver 6:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

14. Washington at Dallas 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
(Second Weekend)

15. Atlanta at Washington 1:00
16. Buffalo at San Francisco 1:00
17. Chicago at New Orleans 12:00
18. Dallas at New York Giants 1:00
19. Green Bay at Tampa Bay 1:00
20. Houston at Indianapolis 3:00
21. Los Angeles Raiders at Cincinnati 1:00
22. Minnesota at Detroit 1:00
23. New England at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
24. New York Jets at Pittsburgh 4:00
25. San Diego at Denver 2:00
26. Seattle at Kansas City 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 13

27. Philadelphia at Phoenix 5:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

28. Miami at Cleveland 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
(Third Weekend)

29. Cincinnati at Green Bay 12:00
30. Cleveland at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
31. Denver at Washington 4:00
32. Detroit at Washington 4:00
33. Kansas City at Houston 12:00
34. Los Angeles Rams at Miami 4:00
35. New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
36. Phoenix at Dallas 3:00
37. Pittsburgh at San Diego 1:00
38. San Francisco at New York Jets 1:00
39. Seattle at New England 1:00
40. Tampa Bay at Minnesota 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 20

41. Indianapolis at Buffalo 8:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

42. New York Giants at Chicago 8:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
(Fourth Weekend)
OPEN DATES: FIVE NFC EAST TEAMS; AFC EAST FIFTH-PLACE TEAM

43. Atlanta at Chicago 12:00
44. Buffalo at New England 1:00
45. Denver at Cleveland 1:00
46. Miami at Seattle 1:00
47. Minnesota at Cincinnati 1:00
48. New York Jets at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
49. Pittsburgh at Green Bay 3:00
50. San Diego at Houston 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 27

52. San Francisco at New Orleans 7:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

53. Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City 8:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
(Fifth Weekend)
OPEN DATE: FOUR AFC CENTRAL TEAMS

54. Chicago at Minnesota 12:00
55. Green Bay at Atlanta 1:00
56. Indianapolis at Tampa Bay 1:00
57. Kansas City at Denver 2:00
58. Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco 1:00
59. Miami at Buffalo 1:00
60. New Orleans at Detroit 1:00
61. New York Giants at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
62. Seattle at San Diego 1:00
63. Washington at Phoenix 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 4

64. New England at New York Jets 8:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

65. Dallas at Philadelphia 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
(Sixth Weekend)
OPEN DATE: FIVE NFC CENTRAL TEAMS; AFC WEST FIFTH-PLACE TEAM

66. Atlanta at Miami 1:00
67. Buffalo at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
68. Houston at Cincinnati 4:00
69. New York Jets at Indianapolis 3:00
70. Philadelphia at Kansas city 12:00
71. Phoenix at New York Giants 1:00
72. Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00
73. San Francisco at New England 1:00
74. Seattle at Dallas 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 11

75. Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans 6:30

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

76. Denver at Washington 9:00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
(Seventh Weekend)
OPEN DATES: FOUR AFC EAST TEAMS

77. Detroit at Minnesota 6:30

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

78. Atlanta at San Francisco 1:00
79. Green Bay at Cleveland 1:00
80. Houston at Denver 2:00
81. Kansas City at Dallas 12:00
82. Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle 1:00
83. New Orleans at Phoenix 1:00
84. New York Giants at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
85. Philadelphia at Washington 1:00
86. San Diego at Indianapolis 12:00
87. Tampa Bay at Chicago 12:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

88. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
(Eighth Weekend)
OPEN DATES: FOUR NFC WEST TEAMS

89. Chicago at Green Bay 12:00
90. Cincinnati at Houston 12:00
91. Cleveland at New England 4:00
92. Dallas at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
93. Denver at San Diego 1:00
94. Detroit at Tampa Bay 1:00
95. Indianapolis at Miami 4:00
96. Phoenix at Philadelphia 1:00
97. Seattle at New York Giants 1:00
98. Washington at Minnesota 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 25

99. Pittsburgh at Kansas City 6:30

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

100. Buffalo at New York Jets 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
(Ninth Weekend)
OPEN DATES: FOUR AFC WEST TEAMS

101. Cleveland at Cincinnati 4:00
102. Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
103. Houston at Pittsburgh 1:00
104. Indianapolis at San Diego 1:00
105. Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta 1:00
106. Miami at New York Jets 1:00
107. New England at Buffalo 1:00
108. Philadelphia at Dallas 3:00
109. San Francisco at Phoenix 2:00
110. Tampa Bay at New Orleans 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 1

111. New York Giants at Washington 8:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

112. Minnesota at Chicago 8:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
(Tenth Weekend)

113. Cleveland at Houston 12:00
114. Dallas at Detroit 1:00
115. Green Bay at New York Giants 1:00
116. Los Angeles Raiders at Philadelphia 1:00
117. Miami at Indianapolis 1:00
118. Minnesota at Tampa Bay 1:00
119. New Orleans at New England 1:00
120. New York Jets at Denver 2:00
121. Phoenix at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
122. Pittsburgh at Buffalo 4:00
123. San Diego at Kansas City 3:00
124. Washington at Seattle 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 8

125. Cincinnati at Chicago 7:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

126. San Francisco at Atlanta 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
(Eleventh Weekend)

127. Chicago at Tampa Bay 4:00
128. Cincinnati at New York Jets 1:00
129. Detroit at Pittsburgh 1:00
130. Houston at Minnesota 12:00
131. Los Angeles Rams at Dallas 12:00
132. New England at Indianapolis 1:00
133. New Orleans at San Francisco 1:00
134. Philadelphia vs. Green Bay at Milw. 12:00
135. Phoenix at Atlanta 1:00
136. San Diego at Cleveland 1:00
137. Seattle at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
138. Washington at Kansas City 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 15

139. New York Giants at Denver 6:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

140. Buffalo at Miami 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
(Twelfth Weekend)

141. Atlanta at Buffalo 1:00
142. Cleveland at Minnesota 12:00
143. Dallas at Phoenix 2:00
144. Denver at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
145. Detroit at Cincinnati 1:00
146. Green Bay at Chicago 12:00
147. Houston at Miami 1:00
148. Indianapolis at Pittsburgh 1:00
149. New York Jets at New England 4:00
150. Philadelphia at New York Giants 1:00
151. San Francisco at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
152. Tampa Bay at San Diego 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 22

153. Kansas City at Seattle 5:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

154. Washington at New Orleans 8:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
(Thirteenth Weekend)

155. Houston at Detroit 12:00
156. New York Giants at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

157. Buffalo at Indianapolis 4:00
158. Chicago at Cleveland 1:00
159. Kansas City at New York Jets 1:00
160. Miami at New Orleans 12:00
161. Minnesota at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
162. New England at Atlanta 1:00
163. Philadelphia at San Francisco 1:00
164. Phoenix at Washington 1:00
165. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 1:00
166. Tampa Bay vs. Green Bay at Milw 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 29

168. Denver at Seattle 6:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

169. Denver at Seattle 7:00

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
(Fourteenth Weekend)

169. Atlanta at New Orleans 7:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

170. Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
171. Dallas at Denver 2:00
172. Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milw 12:00
173. Indianapolis at New England 1:00
174. Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
175. Miami at San Francisco 1:00
176. Minnesota at Philadelphia 1:00
177. New York Jets at Buffalo 1:00
178. San Diego at Phoenix 2:00
179. Seattle at Pittsburgh 1:00
180. Washington at New York Giants 4:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 6

181. Los Angeles Rams at Tampa Bay 8:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

182. Chicago at Houston 8:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
(Fifteenth Weekend)

183. Denver at Buffalo 12:30
184. New York Giants at Phoenix 2:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

185. Atlanta at Tampa Bay 1:00
186. Cincinnati at San Diego 1:00
187. Cleveland at Detroit 1:00
188. Dallas at Washington 1:00
189. Indianapolis at New York Jets 1:00
190. New England at Kansas City 12:00
191. New Orleans at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
192. Philadelphia at Seattle 1:00
193. Pittsburgh at Chicago 12:00
194. San Francisco at Minnesota 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 13

195. Green Bay at Houston 7:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

196. Los Angeles Raiders at Miami 9:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
(Sixteenth Weekend)

197. Tampa Bay at San Francisco 1:00
198. Kansas City at New York Giants 12:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

199. Buffalo at New Orleans 12:00
200. Chicago at Detroit 4:00
201. Houston at Cleveland 1:00
202. Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay 12:00
203. Minnesota at Pittsburgh 1:00
204. New England at Cincinnati 1:00
205. Phoenix at Indianapolis 1:00
206. San Diego at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
207. Seattle at Denver 2:00
208. Washington at Philadelphia 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 20

209. New York Jets at Miami 8:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

210. Dallas at Atlanta 9:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
(Seventeenth Weekend)

211. Los Angeles Raiders at Washington 4:00
212. New Orleans at New York Jets 12:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

213. Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams 1:00
214. Chicago at Dallas 3:00
215. Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00
216. Denver at Kansas City 12:00
217. Green Bay at Minnesota 12:00
218. Indianapolis at Cincinnati 1:00
219. Miami at New England 1:00
220. New York Giants at Philadelphia 1:00
221. San Diego at Seattle 1:00
222. Tampa Bay at Phoenix 2:00

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 27

223. Buffalo at Houston 7:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

224. Detroit at San Francisco 6:00

New Play-by-Play Announcer Bill Rosinski.

NEW FALCON RADIO TEAM HITS THE AIRWAVES

NFL veteran play-by-play man Bill Rosinski takes over as the Falcons radio voice for the first time in 1992. The 39-year old Rosinski has been calling NFL games for seven seasons for Mutual Radio prior to coming to Atlanta.

Bill's experience behind the mike has also included college football and college basketball, while covering such events as the Super Bowl, U.S. Open tennis, golf tournaments and various championship boxing bouts.

Before being signed by Mutual Radio, the graduate of Marietta (OH) College covered the Olympics and the World Series, among other duties, as a reporter for the UPI radio network. His other radio stints have been at WEBR in Buffalo, WFAH & WMOA in Ohio.

Rosinski received his college degree in Radio and Television. He and his wife, Mary Jane, have two sons, Greg and Robert.

Joining Rosinski for his fifth year of providing color commentary on the Falcons is Jeff Van Note. 'Note' is the Falcons career leader in games played with 246. The 18 year NFL veteran was a six-time Pro Bowl selection at center for the birds.

Jeff began his radio career with his former team in 1988. His role at AM 750 WSB included logging time as host of the stations "Falcons This Week" show on Sunday nights. Van Note can also be heard handling the sports reports on some mornings on WSB.

An Atlanta native for over 20 years, Jeff and his wife, Dee, have three sons Beau, Ben and Blaine, and reside in Roswell, Ga.

Jim Ross will coordinate the Falcons pregame and halftime shows for the first time in '92. Ross, a 40 year-old native of Westville, OK, has been the voice of World Championship Wrestling since 1981. Jim's background in football includes an all-state (second team) playing career at the prep level and an 18 year stint as a football official.

Ex-Falcon Jeff Van Note will call the color commentary for his 5th season.

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